

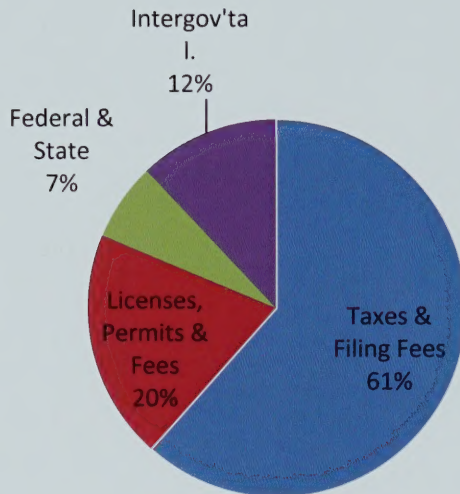
**Town of Chester
Annual Report
For the Fiscal Year Ending
June 30, 2015**



**May 10, 2016 Town Elections
May 14, 2016 Town Meeting**

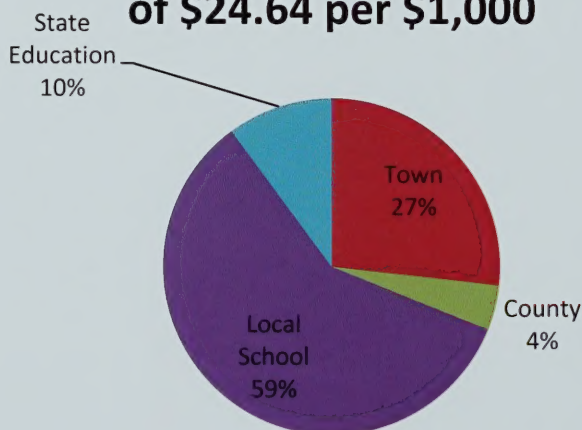
Revenues & Tax Rate as per May 16, 2015 Town Meeting (last year)

Revenues Yr. Ending 6/30/2015



Revenues are collected by the Town Clerk/Tax Collector and dispersed according to the tax rate percentages (see pie chart graph below) with taxpayers voting for the Local School Budget in March and for the Town Budget in May.

Tax Rate Percentages of \$24.64 per \$1,000



The NH Department of Revenue Administration (DRA) determined the tax rate calculation based upon the townspeople's votes for the Local School's Budget and the Town's budget in addition to State and County prorated costs to all NH taxpayers. This year's upcoming Town Meeting of May 14, 2016 will affect the Town's portion in the 2016 Tax Rate Calculation.

Town of Chester

New Hampshire



Annual Reports of the Town Officers, Boards, Commissions, Committees, and Other Agencies

For Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2015

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Joseph M. Hagan, Vice Chairman
Jack Cannon, Selectman
Joseph S. Castricone, Selectman
Richard S. Trask, Selectman

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In Memoriam

Michael Barrows
Lawrence T. Ciba
Sharon Guinta
Brian Healey Sr.
Paul Lipnick
Elizabeth Merritt
Barbara L. O'Connor
Daniel Sirois

Rosemary Brown
Harvey Creeden
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Darrell Lamphere
Linda Mansur
Dennis Mullins
Linda Lee Phelps
Robert Travis
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Cynthia J. Buxton
Michael B. Elliot
Marylou Hamel
Maureen Lein
Philip A. Menard
Leo Murphy
Ursula Rocchio
T. Dale Watts



Linda L. Mansur
6/11/1951 - 11/8/2015

Linda served our Town as its Deputy Town Clerk/Tax Collector for over a dozen years. By request of Aaron Mansur, our Chair of the Village Cemeteries, below are some of his reflections:

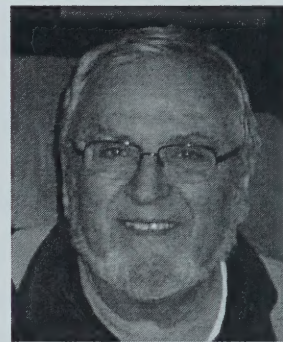
"Mom, months have now gone by. I may not hear you, but I still feel you. Your presence may not be here; but when I close my eyes, I see you. Your scent may not be here, but I smell you. When I get to the beach, the waves talk to me and I hear you. When I feel the power of the mountains, your presence surely will be there. When I find that special flower garden, your scent will be everywhere. May time be on your side - we will keep on loving you."

Col. (Ret) Albert W. Hamel
1/24/1930 - 10/12/2015

Col. Hamel graduated from St. Anselm College in 1954. After 28 years in the Army, he retired in 1980.

He held membership in the Knights of Columbus, the American-Canadian Genealogical Society, the Franco American Center, l'Association des Familles Hamel, the Granite State African Violet Society, and the NH Orchid Society.

He served as a Selectman for the Town of Chester for one year and as a Representative from Chester to the NH House of Representatives for six years.



Maureen Lein
1/24/1930 - 10/12/2015

Ms. Lein was a graduate of Anna Maria College, UMass-Lowell, and Antioch College.

She held membership in the Chester Conservation Commission, Wason Pond, and Southeast New Hampshire Land Trust.

She served on the Planning Board, as School District Moderator, and as Selectman.

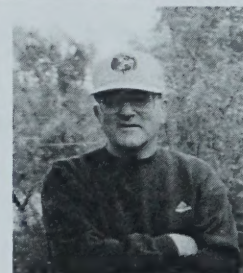


Philip A. Menard
12/31/1935 - 7/10/2015

Mr. Menard was a US Marine veteran serving during WWII.

He was a member of the Chester Congregational/Baptist Church in Chester.

He was a charter member and past president of the Chester Lions Club for 37 years, and served as a past District Governor of Lions District #44H.



Dedication of the Town of Chester Annual Report to Robert C. Hazelton May 28, 1905 – May 27, 1998

The Chester Heritage Commission has undertaken the task of taking special notice to long-time and prominent Chester residents who have made significant contributions to the Town of Chester and its residents. This year, we are delighted to recognize **Robert C. Hazelton** in this Dedication and wish to express the Town's sincerest appreciation for his life spent here in Chester affecting so many lives by his presence and great character.

The Commission would be amiss if we did not provide some family history. Robert was a native of Chester, born to Robert and Hannah Hazelton on May 28, 1905. He lived in Chester all of his life. In 1925, Robert met his wife-to-be (Margaret) at a church function.

In 1926, Robert married Margaret and they their shared love for each other for 71 years. (The happy couple are pictured here on their 70th wedding anniversary!) They had two sons, Bruce W. Hazelton and Richard S. Hazelton. Bruce died in 2014, and Richard and his wife Marion still live in Chester.



Robert graduated from Pinkerton Academy in Derry, New Hampshire in 1923. He served many years as a Class Correspondent and was voted into the Pinkerton Academy Hall of Fame in 1982. He also served as a Trustee of the Academy from 1954 to 1982.

Robert started in Chester as a farmer, selling milk, fruit, and garden vegetables. In 1931, at the height of the Depression, he purchased three Fordson tractors with borrowed money and went into the farm machinery business as the first Fordson dealer in the New Hampshire area. His business prospered and grossed \$9,000 in its first year. Early help and employees were Herb Ray, Ned Reynolds, Roy Purinton, Maurice Colman, Jimmy Eustis, Chet Towle, John West, Harris Tucker, Roland Nichols, Phil Hazelton, and Ernest Edwards. Robert's wife, Margaret, was the first bookkeeper, followed by Cecelia Purinton O'Connell and sister Lucile Purinton Edwards at different times.

As World War II broke out and Grenier Field in Manchester, New Hampshire, was developed, Robert saw an opportunity to expand into Manchester and sell international construction equipment. So, he moved the business to Candia Road in Manchester. As you can see from the names mentioned earlier, Robert hired a great number of Chester people; and in some cases, more than one member of the family.

Besides being a successful businessman and employer to Chester townspeople, Robert served his community as Town Clerk for 27 years and as Chester's Representative to the Legislature. He

served the Chester Congregational Church in many capacities; and in 1996, the Hazelton family gave and dedicated a set of new Hymnals to be used in Sunday worship. Robert was generous to the Church both financially and with equipment when the Church basement was excavated and made into its present state of classrooms and a Church office.

Robert also provided equipment and manpower, and helped to build the present French Memorial Baseball Field, donating drainage culverts. Robert was also very generous to the Chester Fire Department. When Chester volunteers purchased a used Mack former oil truck, it was taken to Hazelton's in Manchester where they installed a fire pump, went over the truck mechanically, installed new rubber all the way around, painted it, and lettered it "Chester Tanker 1". This was Chester's first tanker and served Chester proudly for many years. Robert was always available to help the Fire Department in any way, and in earlier times would send his men down from Manchester to any fires in town. Many of his employees were Chester volunteers, and it was quite common to see a car or truck full of Hazelton boys come to assist at local fires. Robert was also a former director of the First National Bank of Derry.

Robert C. Hazelton contributed to Chester's rich history in many ways, but probably most important was providing employment to many of its citizens, and though he has passed on, some of Chester's people and family still work for the Anderson Equipment Company who bought R.C. Hazelton Co., Inc. in 2009.

Pictured below are two different buildings that R.C. Hazelton Co., Inc. operated from and grew his business from. The lefthand column features the Derry Road, Chester location and the righthand column of the page shows the R.C. Hazelton building on Candia Road in Manchester, New Hampshire.



Recipients of the Boston Post Cane

History of the Boston Post Cane

"The original Boston Post Canes were made in 1909 by the Boston Post newspaper and sent to 431 towns in New England with the intention that they be presented to the oldest male resident of the town (women may have gained the right to vote in 1920 but they were not eligible to receive the cane until 1930!)." (*May 2002 publication of Chester Historical Society, Vol. 1, Issue 2.*)

While Chester's original cane was misplaced for some time and the Chester Historical Society purchased some replicas in the interim, the original was found and is now on display in the Town Clerk's glass display case at Town Hall, 84 Chester Street.

The Town Clerk's office purchased four replicas of the cane from the Town of Peterborough and commissioned Matthew Camillieri at Stone Machine in Chester to match the engraving.

Now, when the Boston Post Cane replica is presented to an honored citizen, it is more personalized, professional and enjoyable to the holder.

John Adams Hazelton

James Buchanan

James Owen

James M. Heath

Carlos W. Noyes

Edward West

George D. Rand

Augustus P. Morse

Robert H. Hazelton

Reverend Silas N. Adams

Luther B. Lane

Josehn Rugge

William B. Healey

Arthur N. West

Walter J. Berry

William J. Bennett

Mabel Hanson Gillie

Louise W. Crawford

Violet E. Jones

Edward R. Grosvernor

Lilly Werner

Urquhart H. Chinn

Evelyn Noyes

Alice D. Renaud

Gladys T. Nicoll

Mary Miriam O'Brien



***Chester's Boston Post
Cane Holder***

*Mary Miriam O'Brien was
presented with the
Boston Post Cane at
Stevens Memorial Hall on
October 29, 2013.
She remains honored as our
eldest resident by tradition
holding the Boston Post Cane
in the
Town of Chester.*



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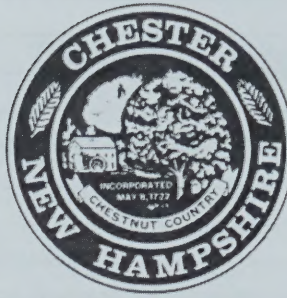
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PUBLIC NOTICE
CHESTER BOARD OF SELECTMEN
84 Chester Street
Chester, NH 03036

Restoration of Involuntarily Merged Lots

Under NH RSA 674:39-aa Restoration of Involuntarily Merged Lots, you are hereby informed that any lots or parcels that were involuntarily merged prior to September 18, 2010 by a city, town, county, village district, or any other municipality, may be restored to premerger status upon the owner's request and all zoning and tax maps shall be updated to identify the premerger boundaries of said lots or parcels as recorded at the appropriate registry of deeds, provided:

1. The request is submitted to the Chester Board of Selectmen prior to December 31, 2016.
2. No owner in the chain of title voluntarily merged his or her lots. If any owner in the chain of title voluntarily merged his or her lots, then all subsequent owners shall be estopped from requesting restoration.

A copy of the NH RSA 674:39-aa is attached hereto and incorporated hereof as part of this Notice.

Stephen O. Landau, Chairman
Chester Board of Selectmen

TITLE LXIV PLANNING AND ZONING

CHAPTER 674 LOCAL LAND USE PLANNING AND REGULATORY POWERS

Regulation of Subdivision of Land

Section 674:39-aa

674:39-aa Restoration of Involuntarily Merged Lots. –

I. In this section:

(a) "Involuntary merger" and "involuntarily merged" mean lots merged by municipal action for zoning, assessing, or taxation purposes without the consent of the owner.

(b) "Owner" means the person or entity that holds legal title to the lots in question, even if such person or entity did not hold legal title at the time of the involuntary merger.

(c) "Voluntary merger" and "voluntarily merged" mean a merger under RSA 674:39-a, or any overt action or conduct that indicates an owner regarded said lots as merged such as, but not limited to, abandoning a lot line.

II. Lots or parcels that were involuntarily merged prior to September 18, 2010 by a city, town, county, village district, or any other municipality, shall at the request of the owner, be restored to their premerger status and all zoning and tax maps shall be updated to identify the premerger boundaries of said lots or parcels as recorded at the appropriate registry of deeds, provided:

(a) The request is submitted to the governing body prior to December 31, 2016.

(b) No owner in the chain of title voluntarily merged his or her lots. If any owner in the chain of title voluntarily merged his or her lots, then all subsequent owners shall be estopped from requesting restoration. The municipality shall have the burden of proof to show that any previous owner voluntarily merged his or her lots.

III. All decisions of the governing body may be appealed in accordance with the provisions of RSA 676.

IV. Any municipality may adopt local ordinances, including ordinances enacted prior to the effective date of this section, to restore previously merged properties that are less restrictive than the provisions in paragraph I and II.

V. The restoration of the lots to their premerger status shall not be deemed to cure any non-conformity with existing local land use ordinances.

VI. Municipalities shall post a notice informing residents that any involuntarily merged lots may be restored to premerger status upon the owner's request. Such notice shall be posted in a public place no later than January 1, 2012 and shall remain posted through December 31, 2016. Each municipality shall also publish the same or similar notice in its 2011 through 2015 annual reports.

Source. 2011, 206:4, eff. July 24, 2011.

Elected Town Officials

Board of Selectmen

Stephen O. Landau, Chair	2017
Jack Cannon	2018
Dick Trask	2018
Joseph S. Castricone	2016
Joseph M. Hagan, Vice Chair	2017

Town Clerk/Tax Collector

Barbara L. Gagnon	2017
Erin M. Newnan ^{*i}	2016

Treasurer

Rhonda L. Lamphere	2017
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Town Moderator

Michael J. Scott	2016
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Road Agent

Michael Oleson	2017
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Trustees of the Trust Funds

Colin Costine	2016
Ephraim W. Dobbins	2016
James D. Hoffman	2017

Budget Committee

Michael A. Weider, Chair	2017
Rhonda Lamphere, Vice Chair	2018
Charles Heuer	2018
Ephraim W. Dobbins	2016
Stephen D'Angelo	2017
Cass Buckley	2017
Mike Romick, <i>ex-officio</i> , School Board	
Dick Trask, <i>ex-officio</i> , Board of Selectmen	

Supervisors of the Checklist

Dianna Charron, Chair	2017
Kathy Burke	2016
Leslie Packard	2020

Library Trustees

Mary Beth Ditoro, Chair	2018
Deb Munson, Co-Treasurer	2016
Mary Richardson, Secretary	2016
Emily Bradley	2016
Barbara Holmes	2018

Great Hill Cemetery Trustees

John Colman, Chair	2016
Donald Brown, Treasurer	2018
Penny J. Henderson, Sec.	2017
Darrell F. Quinn	2020
Richard Noyes	2019

Village Cemetery Trustees

Aaron Mansur, Chair	2017
Geoffrey Barnett	2016
Richard Schaefer	2016

Wilcomb Townsend Trustees

Cynthia Tunberg	2018
Genevieve Rowell	2019
Dianna Charron	2020
Barbara L. Dolloff	2016
Lisa Oleson	2017

Elected State Representatives, Rockingham County, Chester

Rockingham House District 4

James E. Devine	Joseph M. Hagan
William M. Gannon	Jason Osborne
	Chris True

State Senate District 23

Russell E. Prescott

ⁱ *Erin M. Newnan was appointed in 2016 to fill the vacancy of Town Clerk Barbara L. Gagnon who resigned after 30 years of dedicated service to the Town.

Town Officials & Departments

Agricultural Commission

Gary Van Geyte, Chairman
 Chuck Myette, Vice Chairman
 Patrick Connelly
 Jeff Geary
 Steve Boeske
 Cindy LeBlanc
 Jodi Boeske, Alternate

Assessing Department

Jean Packard, Assistant Assessor
 Scott Marsh, Assessing Agent (MRI)
 Jerry Quintal, Assessing Agent (MRI)

Building Inspector/Code Enforcement

Thomas Roy

Chester Historical Society

Jean Methot, President
 Donald Brown, Vice President
 Gary Van Geyte, Treasurer
 Judy Pepper, Secretary

Conservation Commission

Charles Myette, Chairman
 Patrick Connelly, Treasurer
 Baron Richardson
 Philip A. Cassista
 Jeff Geary
 Debra Munson

Emergency Management Director

Philip R. Gladu

Finance Department

Joanne Smith, Finance Director
 Marianne Duffy, Bookkeeper

Fire Department Officers

Richard Antoine, Fire Chief
 Gregory Bolduc, Fire Captain
 Kevin Wunderly, Fire Captain
 Phil Gladu, Lieutenant
 Ben Clark, Lieutenant
 Michael Gilbert, Lieutenant

Fire Membership

Roman Bastek
 Eric Bellemore
 Rich Bellemore
 Marie Blackstad
 Chris Brodeur
 RJ Child
 Jason Coulter
 Lisa DiMambro
 Eric Emerson
 Scott Haggart
 Adam Houston
 Stefan Jacobs
 Michael Komisarek
 Kerri Lelievre
 Justin Lemay
 Buddy Menard
 Robert Murphy
 John Plater
 Connor Porcelli
 Trevor Renaud
 Dan Ross
 Tony Rossignol
 Craig Rothermel
 Tim Rutherford
 Shawn Santuccio
 Matthew Tinkham
 Brittini Verzi
 Bryan Walch
 Andy Wallis

Sabrina Londrigan, FD Admin. Assistant

Health Officer

Darrell F. Quinn

Heritage Commission

John Colman, Chairman
 Web Anderson
 Judy Balk
 Donald Brown
 Dean Leighton
 Richard Noyes
 Darrell F. Quinn
 Genevieve Rowell

Highway Safety Committee

Chief Aaron Berube, Police Department
 Chief Rich Antoine, Fire Department
 Joseph M. Hagan, State Representative
 Tony Amato, Maintenance Department
 Jack Cannon, Selectman
 Andrew Hadik, Planning Board
 Michael Oleson, Highway Department

Joint Loss Management & Safety Committee

Richard Antoine, Chairman
 Anthony Amato, Vice Chairman
 Patricia Tymoniewicz
 William F. Burke
 Barbara L. Gagnon
 Richard S. Trask, Selectman Liaison

Library Director

Kandace Knowlton
 Diane Arrato Gavrish, Assistant Library Dir.

Maintenance Department

Anthony Amato, Supervisor
 George Noyes
 Michael Fisher

Planning Board

Brian L. Sullivan, Chairman
 Evan B. Sederquest, Vice Chairman
 Liz Richter
 Cass Buckley
 Michael A. Weider
 Rick Snyder, Alternate
 Richard S. Trask, Ex-Officio

Andrew L. Hadik, Planning Coordinator

Police Department

Aaron Berube, Police Chief

Full-Time Police Officers

Timothy Loveless, Sergeant
 Will Sable, Patrol Officer/D.A.R.E.
 Andrew DiPerri, Patrol Officer
 David Fencer, Patrol Officer
 Ryan Goulet, Patrol Officer

Part-Time Police Officers

Scott Haggart, Patrol Officer/D.A.R.E.
 Robert McConn, Patrolman
 Nicholas McLellan, Patrolman
 Randy Kerkman, Patrolman
 Amanda Basnar, Patrol Officer

Public Access Community Television (PACT)

Joseph S. Castricone, Member & Sel. Liaison
 Robert Grimm, Member
 Karl Knudsen, Member
 Richard J. LeBlanc, Member
 Michael Fisher, Member

Recreation Commission

Kevin Kistler, Chairman
 Corinna Reishus, Vice Chair Lady
 Leslie Hammond
 Michelle Trask

Sharon F. DeLuca, Recreation Coordinator

Recycling & Solid Waste Committee

Andrew Hadik
 Bonnie Healey
 Lloyd Healey
 Stephen O. Landau, Selectman Liaison

Road Naming Advisory Committee

Judith Balk, Chair
 Rich Antoine
 Bill Burke
 John Colman
 Colin Costine
 Melissa Folini
 Maureen Lein
 Gen Rowell
 Michael A. Weider
 Liz Richter, Planning Board Liaison
 Richard S. Trask, Selectman Liaison

School Superintendent

Dr. Darrell J. Lockwood

Spring Hill Farm Trustees

Brad Wamsley, Chairman & Treasurer
Chuck Myette, Conservation Comm. Rep.
Thomas Edwards, Public at Large
Richard J. LeBlanc
Stephen O. Landau, Selectman Liaison

Town Clerk/Tax Collector

Barbara L. Gagnon, Town Clerk/Tax Collector
Barbara Cannon, Deputy

Transfer Station

Lloyd Healey, Recycling Coordinator
Bonnie Healey, Manager
Richard Czarneck, Compactor Operator
Garry Cormier
Michael Fisher
Roger Marston
Darrell F. Quinn
Stephen O. Landau, Selectman Liaison

Treasurer

Rhonda Lamphere, Treasurer
Michele Newman, Deputy

Wason Pond Commission

Patrick Connelly, Acting Chairman
Chuck Myette, Conservation
Ed Karjala, Recreation
Kevin Kistler, Recreation
Stephen O. Landau, Board of Selectmen
Tom Edwards, Member at Large
Chris Hadik, Member at Large
Darrell F. Quinn, Alternate 1
Herb Rowell, Alternate 2 (Chester Seniors)

Welfare Director

Patricia Tymoniewicz

Zoning Board of Adjustment

Billie Maloney, Chairperson (2018)
Kevin Scott, Vice Chair (2015)
Charlotte Lister (2017)
Adam Maciaszczyk (2018)
Jean Methot, Alternate (2016)
Robert Packard, Alternate (2017)
Cass Buckley, Alternate/PB Rep. (2015)

Janet Boyden, Administrative Assistant

Selectmen's Report

This has been a transition year for Chester. Many things have changed. We have had a number of retirements and resignations from our staff and elected officials. To all that have left, we wish them well in their future endeavors; and to all of our new staff, we hope that you will be successful in your ability to continue to move our Town in a beneficial direction! As time passes on, change is inevitable; and as long as it brings positive benefits, we should relish it.

This year, one such change has been at Spring Hill Farm, the Town-owned property bequeathed to us by Miss Muriel Church. The Trustees have met with the Attorney General's office, the Town's attorneys, and others to create a charitable trust so that trust may be the beneficiary of grants and/or gifts. Also, there have been improvements on several of the buildings, the work being completed partly by contractors and also by volunteer labor and donations, preserving the charm and character of the property.

Additionally, as depicted on our front cover of this year's Town Report, we are excited about the addition of a team of draft horses that are working with Jay Sweet (the tenant farmer) to bring back the possibilities of hay and sleigh rides to Spring Hill Farm. Might I say, it is hoped that the horses will have the patience to "train" Jay properly in addition to his farming the land!

Another change! This is the first year (in the last several) that the elected Budget Committee and the Board of Selectmen are in agreement with the proposed budget to be brought to the townspeople at Town Meeting on May 14th, 2016 for discussion and vote. This unification was accomplished through numerous discussions, many meetings, and long, protracted negotiations.

The use of the Capital Improvements Program (CIP) is central to this plan. The CIP(adopted by the Planning Board in 2007) is designed to manage the Town's expenses in an orderly fashion and without surprising spikes in the tax rate in a single year. The establishment of a CIP Capital Reserve Fund (voted in by the townspeople in 2013) holds the funds until released according to plan.

The concept of a CIP is founded on the belief that prior residents have an investment in Chester since they have been paying all along for the Town's expenses and its progress. As new homes are built, on newly-created lots in new subdivisions, it is expected that new residents will benefit from the progress paid for by the previous and current residents. Therefore, an "assessment fee" is levied against any new home or lot. Likewise, any new item (purchased) will benefit both current and new residents so it expected that these residents also pitch in to afford this new item.

Funds placed in the CIP by a vote at Town Meeting may be withdrawn as early as the next year by a subsequent vote at Town Meeting. At the present time, we have approximately Three Hundred and Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$350,000) which has been proposed to be withdrawn for personal protection gear, life saving devices, etc. for our Fire Department, and a 4-wheel drive pick-up for our Police Department.

We are adding, through general taxation, Eight Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$800,000) to the CIP for the purpose of purchasing a tanker fire truck, a standard police vehicle, etc.

Each year, the various committees, commissions, and boards may suggest items to be placed in the CIP to the Planning Board. The Planning Board, through review and discussion, either purposes or rejects these future capital items for placement in the CIP. The CIP funds are reserved for use, *but it is up to you*, the **voters** at Town Meeting, to expend these funds. As with any vote, there can be amendments, stipulations, or a rejection of any item. Each of us (Chester residents) has the prerogative to state our opinion and to vote our conscience as to what is necessary and what is not. ***Your Board of Selectmen encourages you to attend your Town Meeting on May 14, 2016 and to make your opinion known!***

There are a number of other Warrant Articles which will continue to have a great affect on our Town. We are asking you to allow the Board of Selectmen to choose a Road Agent/Public Works Director. We are anticipating that this person would be a professional (similar to our Finance Director) who would have the expertise to address our road concerns in an orderly manner and be able to either hire the correct contractors to assess our situations or do the job with our employees. Also, this person would have the responsibility of maintaining Town-owned equipment, suggesting what new equipment is needed, and acquiring necessary equipment at a reasonable cost.

Our present elected Road Agent has one year left in his two-year term. If this Warrant Article passes, it will give us one year to set the parameters and the responsibilities of the Road Agent/Public Works Director job. I would expect that the Board of Selectmen would request help from volunteers, professional and other town Public Works Directors, etc., to compose an appropriate job description, qualifications, and standards to be adhered to for any applicant.

When I first came to Chester, over thirty-five years ago, there were numerous individuals in our community that had either the knowledge and/or the equipment to handle road repair/maintenance and snow removal. As we have progressed towards being more of a suburban town rather than a rural town and as owner/operators have gotten older and retired or moved on, there has been a limited number of people who have run for the position of Road Agent. We are not looking to put anyone out of business, nor are we saying anything was wrong with services that were provided in the past. What we are saying is: "We need to plan for the future, and we believe now is the time to start thinking about it." If you choose not to support this Article, it will probably not be brought up next year, as we cannot terminate an elected position in the middle of the elected term. Again, this is not a vote of confidence or lack of confidence in our present or past Road Agents. It is meant to encourage a meaningful discussion of where we want to go in the future.

A recent discussion between the Board of Selectmen and the Road Agent concerned a replacement to a culvert that may be reaching its end of useful life. This is a metal culvert that has rusted, and its stability is in question. The Road Agent advised us that a temporary repair will possibly cost Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000) and last for several years, but there was no time guarantee. A total replacement could be Four-to-Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$400,000 - \$500,000).

It was pointed out to the Board that large trucks and school buses pass over this culvert on a regular, daily basis. The Board of Selectmen took immediate action, notified the School, the bus company, and allowed the Road Agent to post the road for closure. Our Road Agent has told us that this is a priority for him. But if he decides not to run next year or loses the election, will this be the priority of the next Road Agent? A previous Road Agent suggested that several main roads in Town needed to be rebuilt. At Town Meeting, we, the voters, gave him the funds to rebuild these roads. Funds and his time in office ran out before the project was completed. It has been several years and still one of the roads has only been paved with the base coat and has never had a finish coat.

Some may say that my discussion of this Article has a bias. My intent is to only to promote a thorough process in order to come up with a good decision. I have my opinion, but I will be honest and say that my opinions have been changed by cordial discussion at Town Meeting and sometimes, from persons that normally, I would not agree with.

Article 14 – Edwards Mill Dam, Phase II, is very important for all of us to understand. The Department of Environmental Services (DES) checks on the condition of almost all dams in the State. Several years ago, there was some concern as to how Edwards Mill Pond was draining. It appeared that the run off was the only way for the Pond to drain. This was doing considerable damage to the properties of several abutters. During an annual inspection by DES, it was determined that one of the valves at the Dam was not functioning and the other was difficult, if not dangerous, to open. A design was created and several negotiations took place between DES Dam Bureau and our engineers; and eventually, it was settled with the present plan.

It was more than we had budgeted for and DES agreed that we could complete the project in stages. This second stage will remove cribbing, place a large pipe in the old spillway, and fill in the bank of the Dam in order to support the structure.

In good faith, we (the Board of Selectmen) agreed that we would attempt to proceed to complete the project. If we do not proceed, we may have to do additional permitting, engineering, and possibly be subject to fines and changes in the rules. I am sure that the litigation costs would be excessive and would increase the costs. Either way, I believe the most reasonable action would be to pass this Article and let the process continue.

Finally ... I would like to thank all of the committee persons, board members, and volunteers who graciously give time to the place where they have chosen to live. I would also like to thank all of the employees who have stepped up and have done more for the Town than what was expected. These people are unselfish and caring, and they come in all ages and sizes. I have seen all sorts from octogenarians to toddlers picking up trash on the sides of our roads, to teenagers building picnic tables or bridges over our streams. We have benefited from “The Pounder” at Wason Pond, to Boy Scouts building an Equipment Shed at North Chester Cemetery and another, who replaced and built new Benches at Wason Pond.



***Chester Cadette Girl Scouts
Troop 22245
Danielle St. Peter, Avasha Khapre, and
Madison Bowen***



**James Hadik – Eagle Scout Project of
Water Fountain at the Playground at
the Wason Pond Recreation Area**

Our Girl Scouts have won awards for their service projects. Pictured above on the lefthand side are the Chester Cadette Girl Scouts, Troop 22245, who won the Silver Award for the Chester Pantry storage room renovation and community awareness benefiting the Chester Community Food Pantry and the citizens of Chester. With dedicated people who volunteer their time and resources, our youth are recognized in other ways as well, such as the Chester Dancer students who have won scholarships to attend dance programs to further enhance their skills.

We may be proud to say that Chester has benefited from the multi-culturalism and volunteerism of our residents. We marvel at their accomplishments, we congratulate successes, and we wish all well. Leading by example, we hope the spirit of our fine and generous volunteers “rubs off” on others so that many more may join in and contribute to their community.

These are not just “pep talks” for people to “feel good.” These are historical and changing times where citizens in Chester may still enjoy nature, conservation, rural farming and use of land, as well as beautiful and significant recreational land and buildings. We all have a stake in the future of our little corner of the earth, whether you are concerned about environment, social relationship, education, or just even taxes and what it costs to live in our special Town.

Thank you.

Stephen O. Landau, Chairman

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State of New Hampshire

To the inhabitants of the Town of Chester, County of Rockingham, State of New Hampshire, qualified to vote in Town affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Chester Municipal Offices in said Chester on Tuesday, the tenth (10th) day of May next, at 7:00 AM to act on Articles 1 through 7. The polls will close at 7:00 PM. After the ballots are counted, the Meeting will continue on Saturday, May fourteenth (14th) at 9:00 AM in the Chester Multipurpose Room. Article 8 through Article 21 will be taken up at that time.

Article #1

To choose all necessary Town Officials for the ensuing year.

Article #2

Are you in favor of the adoption of **Amendment # 1** as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town zoning ordinance as follows?

Amend: Section 5.6 - Flood Plain Conservation District by deleting non-applicable information, correcting outdated references and adding missing information.

Purpose: To revise the language of the ordinance to make it more understandable and consistent with state and federal regulations. Please note these revisions were recommended by the NH Office of Energy and Planning.

Article #3

Are you in favor of the adoption of **Amendment # 2** as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town's zoning ordinance as follows?

Amend: Article 9 - Conversion of Existing Dwellings by replacing it with a new Article 9 - Accessory Dwelling Units.

Purpose: To revise the existing ordinance in anticipation of new zoning requirements set by NH Senate Bill 146, allowing for the creation, location, standards, review and approval of Accessory Dwelling Units, sometimes referred to as “in-law apartments, student, or workforce housing.”

Article #4

Are you in favor of the adoption of **Amendment # 3** as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town’s zoning ordinance as follows?

Amend: Sub-Section 5.3.3 – Special Exception Uses by replacing existing language with “Conversion or addition to a single-family dwelling to accommodate an accessory dwelling unit pursuant to the provisions of Article 9, Accessory Dwelling Units.”

Purpose: Simple reference edit to be consistent with the Article 9 replacement.

Article #5

Are you in favor of the adoption of **Amendment # 4** as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town’s zoning ordinance as follows?

Amend: Section 11.4 - Conditions for Granting of a Special Exception by striking “and upon receipt and due consideration of advice from the Planning Board” and replacing it with “The Zoning Board of Adjustment, in its discretion, may require Site Plan Review by the Planning Board as a condition of approval. Site Plan Review by the Planning Board may result in additional conditions being set to ensure compliance with the intent of the Chester Zoning Ordinance.”

Purpose: A clarification edit suggested by the reviewing attorney and the ZBA.

Article #6

Are you in favor of the adoption of **Amendment # 5** as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town’s zoning ordinance as follows?

Amend: Subsections 6.12.2 - Internal Dimensional and Design Requirements and 6.12.3 – Infrastructure by adding size standards for building construction

envelopes and lots with community well systems, and open or closed drainage systems depending on lot road frontage length.

Purpose: To mitigate issues with the design, construction and stormwater runoff control systems of Open Space subdivisions. Note these changes do not increase the currently allowed dwelling unit density in Open Space subdivisions.

Article #7

Are you in favor of the adoption of **Amendment # 6** as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town's zoning ordinance as follows?

Amend: Section 4.4 – Signs by replacing it with a new and revised Section 4.4 – Signs.

Purpose: To make this ordinance compliant with the 2015 U.S. Supreme Court “Reed v. Town of Gilbert” ruling regarding the regulation of signs.

Article #8 – CIP

Special Warrant Article. Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of Eight hundred thousand dollars (\$800,000) to be added to the capital reserve fund known as the Town's Capital Improvement Plan Capital Reserve Fund established at the 2013 Town Meeting.

Tax Impact: \$1.62

Recommended by Board of Selectmen

Tally Vote – 4 yes/1 abstain

Recommended by Budget Committee

Tally Vote – 4 yes/1 abstain

Article #9 - CIP Projects

Special Warrant Article. Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of Three hundred twenty-seven thousand, nine hundred fourteen dollars (\$327,914) for the following projects:

General Government Buildings – Major Projects	\$ 45,765
General Government Buildings – Water/heating System	\$ 5,000
Police Department – Vests	\$ 1,804
Police Department – Weapons Replacement	\$ 2,000

Police Department – 2016 Ford F250	\$ 34,212
Fire Department – Radio Equipment	\$ 9,000
Fire Department – CPR Device	\$ 15,340
Fire Department – Personal Protective Equipment	\$ 45,314
Fire Department – Life Packs	\$ 59,479
Highway Department – Asphalt	\$100,000
Highway Department – Engineering	\$ 10,000

and to withdraw Three hundred twenty-seven thousand, nine hundred fourteen dollars (\$327,914) from the Capital Improvements Plan Capital Reserve Fund created for these purposes.

Tax Impact: \$0.00

Recommended by Board of Selectmen

Tally Vote – 4 yes/1 absent

Recommended by Budget Committee

Tally Vote – 6 yes/0 no

Article #10 – Highway CIP

Special Warrant Article. Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of One hundred thirty-seven thousand, three hundred dollars (\$137,300) to be added to the capital reserve fund known as the CIP Highway Capital Reserve Fund established at the 2015 Town Meeting with One hundred thirty-seven thousand, three hundred dollars (\$137,300) from New Hampshire Highway Block Grant to be used to offset this appropriation.

Tax Impact: \$.00

Recommended by Board of Selectmen

Tally Vote – 4 yes/1 absent

Recommended by Budget Committee

Tally Vote – 5 yes/0 no

Article #11 – Competitive Employee Compensation

Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of One hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$150,000) to provide market competitive rates of compensation and related benefit costs to full and part time employees of the Town of Chester. If this article passes, Fifty-six thousand, four hundred forty-nine dollars (\$56,449) will be reduced from the Operating Budget eliminating the annual cost of living increase for fiscal year 2017.

Tax Impact: \$.11

Recommended by Board of Selectmen
Recommended by Budget Committee

Tally Vote – 3 yes/1 abstain/1 absent
Tally Vote – 0 yes/5 no

Article #12 - Budget

Shall the Town raise and appropriate the Budget Committee recommended amount of \$4,103,063 for the operating budget for the support of Town government for the payment of salaries and for the payment of statutory obligations of the Town. Tally vote - 5 yes/0 no. The Board of Selectmen recommends \$4,103,063 by a Tally Vote – 5 yes/0 no.

This article does not include appropriations voted in other warrant articles.

	<u>BOS</u>	<u>BC</u>
General Government	\$1,846,492	\$1,846,492
Public Safety	\$1,025,613	\$1,025,613
Highways, Streets, Bridges	\$603,116	\$603,116
Sanitation	\$199,441	\$199,441
Health & Welfare	\$52,762	\$52,762
Culture & Recreation	\$246,880	\$246,880
Conservation & Eco. Dev.	\$1,650	\$1,650
Debt Service	\$127,109	\$127,109
Total Appropriation	\$4,103,063	\$4,103,063

Article #13 - Road Agent

Shall the Town rescind the action of the 1924 and 1992 Town Meetings to elect a road agent for a two-year term and authorize the Board of Selectmen to appoint a full-time road agent who will be the Director of Public Works. The term of the elected road agent will terminate at the 2017 Annual Town election.

Tax Impact: \$0.00

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen

Tally Vote—2 yes/2 no/1 abstain

Article #14 – Edwards Mill Dam – Phase II

Special Warrant Article. Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of Ninety-nine thousand, three hundred fifteen dollars (\$99,315) for the purpose of repairing the Edwards Mill Dam as directed by the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services and in accordance with the plans developed by Dubois & King Engineers approved by the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services. This will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, VI and will not lapse until the project is complete or by June 30, 2020, whichever is sooner.

Tax Impact: \$.20

Recommended by Board of Selectmen

Tally Vote – 4 yes/0 no/1 abstain

Recommended by Budget Committee

Tally Vote – 0 yes/5 no

Article #15 - PACT

Special Warrant Article. Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of Seven thousand, three hundred eighty-three dollars (\$7,383) for the purpose of providing public, education and governmental access television in the Town of Chester. Said funds to be withdrawn from the Special Revenue Fund established as the “PACT” Fund (Warrant Article #28, 2003), separate from the General Fund and is funded by Comcast subscribers in the Town of Chester. If passed, this article will have no tax impact.

Tax Impact: \$.00

Recommended by Board of Selectmen

Tally Vote – 5 yes/0 no

Recommended by Budget Committee

Tally Vote – 2 yes/3 abstain

Article #16 – 300th Anniversary

Special Warrant Article. Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of Five thousand dollars (\$5,000) to be added to the capital reserve fund known as the 300th Anniversary Celebration Capital Reserve Fund established at the 2013 Town Meeting.

Tax Impact: \$.01

Recommended by Board of Selectmen

Tally Vote – 5 yes/0 no

Recommended by Budget Committee

Tally Vote – 4 yes/1 abstain

Article #17- Spring Hill Farm

Shall the Town raise and appropriate Thirty-seven thousand three hundred dollars (\$37,300) for renovations to the buildings on Spring Hill Farm.

Tax Impact: \$.07

Recommended by Board of Selectmen

Tally Vote – 3 yes/1 no/1 abstain

Recommended by Budget Committee

Tally Vote – 0 yes/5 no

Article #18- Winter Maintenance

Special Warrant Article. Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of Eighty-five thousand dollars (\$85,000) to be added to the Winter Road Maintenance Expendable Trust Fund established in 2006 for the purpose of sanding, salting and plowing in the Town of Chester. The Winter Road Maintenance Expendable Trust Fund shall not exceed Eighty-five thousand dollars (\$85,000).

Tax Impact: \$.17

Recommended by Board of Selectmen

Tally Vote – 5 yes/0 no

Recommended by Budget Committee

Tally Vote – 5 yes/1 abstain

Article #19 – Building Improvement Capital Reserve

Special Warrant Article. Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of Thirty-six thousand, forty dollars (\$36,040) for the purpose of repairing the municipal complex heating system as mandated by the State of New Hampshire and further to authorize the withdrawal of said Thirty-six thousand, forty dollars (\$36,040) from

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the Building Improvement and Maintenance Capital Reserve Fund created at the 2008 Town Meeting for that purpose.

Tax Impact: \$.00

Recommended by Board of Selectmen

Tally Vote – 5 yes/0 no

Recommended by Budget Committee

Tally Vote – 0 yes/5 no

Article #20 – Police Vehicle

Special Warrant Article. Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of Ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) for the purpose of equipping and outfitting the 2016 Ford F250 truck for the Police Department and to withdraw Ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) from the Police Detail Special Revenue Fund established for this purpose. If passed, the article will have no tax impact.

Tax Impact: \$0.00

Recommended by Board of Selectmen

Tally Vote – 5 yes/0 no

Recommended by Budget Committee

Tally Vote – 5 yes/0 no

Article #21

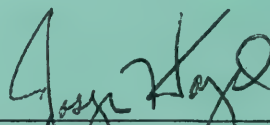
To hear the reports of Agents, Auditors, and Committees of Officers heretofore chosen and pass any vote relating thereto.

To transact any other business that may legally come before the Town.

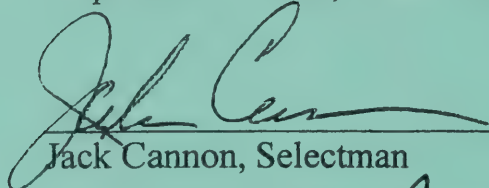
Chester Board of Selectmen



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Date: April 18, 2016

**Town of Chester
Budgeted Revenues Summary**

	FY14/15 BOS Budgeted	FY 14/15 BC Budgeted	FY 15/16 BOS Budgeted	FY 15/16 BC Budgeted	FY 16/17 BOS Budgeted	FY 16/17 BC Budgeted
Yield Taxes	5,000	5,000	5,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00
Excavation Tax	500	500	500.00	500.00	500.00	500.00
Penalties and Interest	44,000	44,000	44,000.00	44,000.00	47,000.00	47,000.00
Business Licenses and Permits	700	700	700.00	700.00	700.00	700.00
Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	850,000	850,000	850,000.00	850,000.00	900,000.00	900,000.00
Heating Permits	6,000	6,000	7,500.00	7,500.00	10,500.00	10,500.00
Building Permits	78,150	78,150	64,830.00	64,830.00	68,330.00	68,330.00
Other Licenses, Permits & Fees	6,600	6,600	10,900.00	10,900.00	10,900.00	10,900.00
Revenue From State of NH	351,348	351,348	368,993.00	368,993.00	368,993.00	368,993.00
Revenue From Charges For Services	81,165	81,165	110,210.00	110,210.00	110,210.00	110,210.00
Revenue From Miscellaneous Sources	344,330	344,330	307,000.00	307,000.00	50,187.00	50,187.00
Other Financing Sources	18,000	18,000	94,843.00	94,843.00	360,798.00	360,798.00
Total Anticipated Revenues	1,785,793	1,785,793	1,864,476	1,864,476	1,933,118.00	1,933,118.00

**Town of Chester
Anticipated Revenues**

	FY14/15 BOS Budgeted	FY 14/15 BC Budgeted	FY 15/16 BOS Budgeted	FY 15/16 BC Budgeted	FY 16/17 BOS Budgeted	FY 16/17 BC Budgeted
Yield Taxes	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000
Excavation Tax	500	500	500	500	500	500
Penalties and Interest	24,000	24,000	24,000	24,000	27,000	27,000
Late Inventory Penalty	20,000	20,000	20,000	20,000	20,000	20,000
UCC Filing Fees	700	700	700	700	700	700
Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	850,000	850,000	850,000	850,000	900,000	900,000
Fire Dept Heating Permits	6,000	6,000	7,000	7,000	10,000	10,000
Fire Dept - Permits/Fines	500	500	500	500	500	500
Building Permits	48,100	48,100	53,000	53,000	55,000	55,000
Building Permits - Electrical	3,900	3,900	4,000	4,000	5,000	5,000
Building Permits - Septic	1,950	1,950	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000
Building Permits - Plumbing & Heating	1,950	1,950	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000
Building Permits - Driveways	2,600	2,600	2,600	2,600	2,600	2,600
Building Permits - Masonry	650	650	130	130	130	130
Building Permits - Home Occupation	0	0	100	100	100	100
Building Permits - Misc.	5,850	5,850	0	0	0	0
Building Permits - Mechanical	650	650	1,000	1,000	1,500	1,500
Dog Licenses	6,000	6,000	7,000	7,000	7,000	7,000
Marriage Licenses	400	400	400	400	400	400
Certificates - Birth & Death	300	300	500	500	500	500
Pistol Permits	600	600	1,000	1,000	1,300	1,300
Other Licenses & Permits	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000
NH Highway Block Grant	121,848	121,848	137,300	137,300	137,300	137,300
State Rooms and Meals Tax	229,580	229,580	231,693	231,693	231,693	231,693
Other State Revenue - Misc.	100	100	100	100	100	100
Insurance Report Fees	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
State Witness Fees/Court Fines	100	100	500	500	1,000	1,000
Planning Board Applications	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000	5,000	5,000
Zoning Board Fees	2,550	2,550	2,550	2,550	2,550	2,550
Landfill Tire Fees	400	400	400	400	500	500
Recycling - Aluminum	2,700	2,700	2,700	2,700	2,500	2,500
Recycling - Scrap Metal	9,750	9,750	4,000	4,000	3,500	3,500
Recycling - Paper/Magazine	4,570	4,570	4,570	4,570	3,250	3,250
Recycling - Mixed Cans	750	750	750	750	0	0
Recycling - Appliances	1,100	1,100	800	800	500	500
Recycling - Plastics	25	25	25	25	400	400
Recycling - Batteries	300	300	350	350	350	350
Transfer Station - TV/Computers	900	900	900	900	0	0
Ambulance Transport Fees	10,000	10,000	7,000	7,000	7,000	7,000
Rents Long Term Use - Tower	15,180	15,180	17,457	17,457	17,457	17,457
Rents - Post Office	21,000	21,000	22,810	22,810	22,810	22,810
Rents - Kitchen	2,500	2,500	2,500	2,500	3,000	3,000
Rents - Wason Cottage	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000
Insurance Reimbursement	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
Miscellaneous Revenue - all others	3,640	3,640	57,241	57,241	57,241	57,241
Interest on Investments	250	250	6,500	6,500	6,500	6,500
Return Check Fees	500	500	500	500	500	500
Vending Machine	400	400	400	400	400	400
Public Access Television	8,000	8,000	65,000	65,000	7,383	7,383
From Capital Reserve-Police Vehicle Outfit	0	0	42,000	42,000	10,000	10,000
From Capital Res-Bldg Maintenance	0	0	20,000	20,000	36,040	36,040
From Capital Res-CIP	0	0	0	0	327,914	327,914
From Capital Res-Police Details	0	0	10,000	10,000	0	0
Undesignated Fund Balance	360,000	360,000	235,000	235,000	0	0
Total Anticipated Revenue	1,785,793	1,785,793	1,864,476	1,864,476	1,933,118	1,933,118

Town of Chester
Actual and Budget Expenditures
Summary

	FY 14/15 Actual	FY 15/16 Budget	FY 16/17 BOS Requested	BOS % Increase (Decrease)	FY 16/17 BC Requested	BC % Increase (Decrease)
GENERAL GOVERNMENT						
Executive	26,062	35,187	90,599		90,599	
Administrative	61,267	67,861	77,368		77,368	
Town Clerk	44,180	53,319	61,605		61,605	
Election	12,707	21,530	17,170		17,170	
Financial	117,676	130,162	130,099		130,099	
Budget Committee	653	678	803		803	
Tax Collector	44,064	52,355	60,726		60,726	
Treasurer	6,482	8,400	6,850		6,850	
Trustees of Trust Funds	3,501	2,500	2,500		2,500	
Information Technology	51,022	55,786	57,045		57,045	
Assessor	66,695	71,776	71,087		71,087	
Legal	99,504	75,000	122,386		122,386	
Benefits	537,999	643,877	659,744		659,744	
Planning	47,605	57,561	73,404		73,404	
Zoning	11,870	15,344	16,493		16,493	
Buildings	247,573	288,135	237,370		237,370	
Stevens Hall	12,420	12,212	12,212		12,212	
Cemetery	31,451	28,284	27,884		27,884	
Insurance	98,566	108,656	114,186		114,186	
Advertising & Regional Dev.	6,945	6,926	6,961		6,961	
TOTAL GENERAL GOVERNMENT	1,528,242	1,735,549	1,846,492	6.4%	1,846,492	6.4%
PUBLIC SAFETY						
Police Dept.	436,221	545,796	577,763		577,763	
Police Grants	-	3	3		3	
Ambulance	92,315	99,719	109,612		109,612	
Fire Department	278,468	269,410	270,918		270,918	
Forest Fire	2,788	2,001	2,001		2,001	
Fire Grants	-	3	3		3	
Ambulance Billing	422	1,000	1,000		1,000	
Building Inspection	50,345	55,972	55,812		55,812	
Emergency	6,982	8,501	8,501		8,501	
TOTAL PUBLIC SAFETY	867,541	982,405	1,025,613	4.4%	1,025,613	4.4%
HIGHWAYS & STREETS						
Highway	664,469	714,233	599,116		599,116	
Street Lighting	4,385	4,000	4,000		4,000	
TOTAL HIGHWAYS & STREETS	668,854	718,233	603,116	-16.0%	603,116	-16.0%

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Actual and Budget Expenditures
Summary

	FY 14/15 Actual	FY 15/16 Budget	FY 16/17 BOS Requested		FY 16/17 BC Requested	BC % Increase (Decrease)
SANITATION						
Transfer Station	161,454	169,444	190,326		190,326	
Landfill	9,284	11,900	9,115		9,115	
TOTAL SANITATION	170,738	181,344	199,441	10.0%	199,441	10.0%
HEALTH & WELFARE						
Animal Control	191	500	2,500		2,500	
Health Agencies	26,600	26,600	26,600		26,600	
General Assistance	6,092	19,300	19,300		19,300	
Welfare-Intergovernment	4,362	4,362	4,362		4,362	
TOTAL HEALTH & WELFARE	37,245	50,762	52,762	3.9%	52,762	3.9%
CULTURE & RECREATION						
Recreation	48,606	54,099	54,991		54,991	
Wason Pond	5,761	8,483	8,484		8,484	
WP Caretaker Cottage	965	1,200	1,200		1,200	
WP Bath House	282	300	300		300	
WP Commission	500	954	954		954	
Library	158,700	158,700	159,950		159,950	
Patriotic	-	1,500	1,500		1,500	
Historical Society	159	-	-		-	
PACT	-	-	2,500		2,500	
Chester Senior Citizens	10,000	10,000	10,000		10,000	
Spring Hill Farm	-	1	1		1	
Town Fair Fireworks	7,000	7,000	7,000		7,000	
TOTAL CULTURE & RECREATION	231,973	242,237	246,880	1.9%	246,880	1.9%
CONSERVATION						
Agricultural Commission	402	900	900		900	
Conservation Commission	1,155	750	750		750	
TOTAL CONSERVATION	1,557	1,650	1,650	0.0%	1,650	0.0%
Subtotal before Debt	3,506,150	3,912,180	3,975,954	1.6%	3,975,954	1.6%
DEBT SERVICE						
Principal	367,220	150,887	112,606		112,606	
Interest	26,687	20,277	14,503		14,503	
TOTAL DEBT SERVICE	393,907	171,164	127,109	-25.7%	127,109	-25.7%
TOTAL OPERATING BUDGET	3,900,057	4,083,344	4,103,063	0.5%	4,103,063	0.5%

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EXECUTIVE OFFICE						
EX Contract- Minutes	7,692	10,000	10,000	0.00%	10,000	0.00%
EX Salaries-Minutes	965	2,371	2,371	0.00%	2,371	0.00%
EX Salaries	11,550	11,550	11,550	0.00%	11,550	0.00%
EX Telephone	534	550	550	0.00%	550	0.00%
EX Dues/Subscriptions	659	1,000	1,000	0.00%	1,000	0.00%
EX Postage	340	375	375	0.00%	375	0.00%
EX Mileage	0	1	1	0.00%	1	0.00%
EX Advertising	349	1,800	1,800	0.00%	1,800	0.00%
EX Miscellaneous	3,156	6,000	6,000	0.00%	6,000	0.00%
EX Town Web Page	255	200	500	150.00%	500	150.00%
EX Beaver Creek	0	1	1	0.00%	1	0.00%
EX NPDES (Stormwater Mgmt)	0	1	1	0.00%	1	0.00%
EX Security	562	1	1	0.00%	1	0.00%
EX Salary Pool	0	1,337	56,449	0.00%	56,449	4122.06%
Total Executive Office	26,062	35,187	90,599	157.48%	90,599	157.48%
ADMINISTRATION						
TA Salary FT	44,171	46,611	45,618	-2.13%	45,618	-2.13%
TA Contract. Adm. Asst.	2,691	2,500	13,000	420.00%	13,000	420.00%
TA Grant Administration	723	2,400	2,400	0.00%	2,400	0.00%
TA Telephone	1,343	1,200	1,200	0.00%	1,200	0.00%
TA Dues & Subscrip	30	30	30	0.00%	30	0.00%
TA Office Supplies	577	2,000	2,000	0.00%	2,000	0.00%
TA Postage	1,851	3,000	3,000	0.00%	3,000	0.00%
TA Mileage	271	210	210	0.00%	210	0.00%
TA Vending Machines	371	500	500	0.00%	500	0.00%
TA Miscellaneous	485	550	550	0.00%	550	0.00%

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01-4130-2-741	0	1,000	1,000	0.00%	1,000	0.00%
01-4130-3-550	8,491	7,500	7,500	0.00%	7,500	0.00%
01-4130-3-560	244	325	325	0.00%	325	0.00%
01-4130-3-670	19	35	35	0.00%	35	0.00%
Total Administration	61,267	67,861	77,368	14.01%	77,368	14.01%
TOWN CLERK						
01-4140-1-110	5,303	10,599	18,941	78.71%	18,941	78.71%
01-4140-1-130	31,484	32,596	31,905	-2.12%	31,905	-2.12%
01-4140-1-320	980	1,200	1,200	0.00%	1,200	0.00%
01-4140-1-341	1,846	2,200	2,400	9.09%	2,400	9.09%
01-4140-1-430	0	150	150	0.00%	150	0.00%
01-4140-1-560	45	60	60	0.00%	60	0.00%
01-4140-1-561	0	100	100	0.00%	100	0.00%
01-4140-1-570	722	450	725	61.11%	725	61.11%
01-4140-1-620	438	1,200	1,200	0.00%	1,200	0.00%
01-4140-1-621	405	500	500	0.00%	500	0.00%
01-4140-1-625	2,112	2,400	2,400	0.00%	2,400	0.00%
01-4140-1-650	0	60	150	150.00%	150	150.00%
01-4140-1-670	9	30	100	233.33%	100	233.33%
01-4140-1-741	0	850	850	0.00%	850	0.00%
01-4140-1-744	624	624	624	0.00%	624	0.00%
01-4140-1-750	212	300	300	0.00%	300	0.00%
Total Town Clerk	44,180	53,319	61,605	15.54%	61,605	15.54%
ELECTION						
01-4140-2-110	3,469	4,736	4,400	-7.09%	4,400	-7.09%
01-4140-2-130	3,502	7,196	5,400	-24.96%	5,400	-24.96%
01-4140-2-131	400	400	400	0.00%	400	0.00%

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01-4140-2-132	500	500	500	0.00%	500	0.00%
01-4140-2-341	646	720	720	0.00%	720	0.00%
01-4140-2-520	150	500	500	0.00%	500	0.00%
01-4140-2-620	471	500	600	20.00%	600	20.00%
01-4140-2-625	7	100	100	0.00%	100	0.00%
01-4140-2-640	1,508	2,200	1,650	-25.00%	1,650	-25.00%
01-4140-2-741	2,054	4,678	2,900	-38.01%	2,900	-38.01%
Total Election	12,707	21,530	17,170	-20.25%	17,170	-20.25%
FINANCE						
01-4150-1-120	42,823	45,142	44,179	-2.13%	44,179	-2.13%
01-4150-1-150	53,955	62,920	62,920	0.00%	62,920	0.00%
01-4150-1-341	1,669	1,400	1,800	28.57%	1,800	28.57%
01-4150-1-430	0	150	150	0.00%	150	0.00%
01-4150-1-431	0	200	200	0.00%	200	0.00%
01-4150-1-560	50	50	50	0.00%	50	0.00%
01-4150-1-620	1,306	2,000	2,000	0.00%	2,000	0.00%
01-4150-1-625	1,264	1,250	1,250	0.00%	1,250	0.00%
01-4150-1-645	107	200	200	0.00%	200	0.00%
01-4150-1-670	0	100	100	0.00%	100	0.00%
01-4150-2-301	16,500	16,500	17,000	3.03%	17,000	3.03%
01-4150-2-320	0	250	0	-100.00%	0	
01-4150-2-560	2	250	250		250	
Total Finance	117,676	130,162	130,099	-0.05%	130,099	-0.05%
BUDGET COMMITTEE						
01-4150-3-560	0	150	150	0.00%	150	0.00%
01-4150-3-621	113	75	200	166.67%	200	166.67%
01-4150-3-625	0	1	1	0.00%	1	0.00%
01-4150-3-650	0	1	1	0.00%	1	0.00%
01-4150-3-670	0	1	1	0.00%	1	0.00%

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01-4150-3-680	300	120	120	0.00%	120	0.00%
01-4150-3-675	240	300	300	0.00%	300	0.00%
01-4150-3-690	0	30	30	0.00%	30	0.00%
Total Budget Committee	653	678	803	18.44%	803	18.44%
TAX COLLECTOR						
01-4150-4-110	5,289	11,475	18,941	65.06%	18,941	65.06%
01-4150-4-130	31,484	31,720	31,905	0.58%	31,905	0.58%
01-4150-4-341	812	600	1,000	66.67%	1,000	66.67%
01-4150-4-560	20	30	30	0.00%	30	0.00%
01-4150-4-561	0	75	200	166.67%	200	166.67%
01-4150-4-610	683	650	650	0.00%	650	0.00%
01-4150-4-625	2,821	3,200	3,200	0.00%	3,200	0.00%
01-4150-4-650	0	30	150	400.00%	150	400.00%
01-4150-4-651	504	600	600	0.00%	600	0.00%
01-4150-4-670	0	25	100	300.00%	100	300.00%
01-4150-4-725	1,001	1,900	1,900	0.00%	1,900	0.00%
01-4150-4-730	1,450	1,700	1,700	0.00%	1,700	0.00%
01-4150-4-741	0	350	350	0.00%	350	0.00%
Total Tax Collector	44,064	52,355	60,726	15.99%	60,726	15.99%
TREASURER						
01-4150-5-130	6,000	6,000	6,000	0.00%	6,000	0.00%
01-4150-5-340	262	1,200	200	-83.33%	200	-83.33%
01-4150-6-314	0	500	200	-60.00%	200	-60.00%
01-4150-6-560	25	125	125	0.00%	125	0.00%
01-4150-6-621	194	150	200	33.33%	200	33.33%
01-4150-6-650	0	400	100	-75.00%	100	-75.00%
01-4150-6-690	1	25	25	0.00%	25	0.00%
Total Treasurer	6,482	8,400	6,850	-18.45%	6,850	-18.45%

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TRUSTEES OF TRUSTS						
TOT Investment Services	3,476	2,400	2,400	0.00%	2,400	0.00%
TOT Miscellaneous	25	100	100	0.00%	100	0.00%
Total Trustees of Trusts	3,501	2,500	2,500	0.00%	2,500	0.00%
INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY						
IT Boston Systems	25,213	27,193	28,260	3.92%	28,260	3.92%
IT DMV Software	3,176	3,655	3,655	0.00%	3,655	0.00%
IT BMSI Software Support	6,937	7,310	7,530	3.01%	7,530	3.01%
IT Assessing Computer Software	3,808	5,500	5,250	-4.55%	5,250	-4.55%
IT Fire Dept Computer Maint	1,960	1,300	1,000	-23.08%	1,000	-23.08%
IT Bldg Dept Computer Maint	0	1	100	9900.00%	100	9900.00%
IT Police Dept IMC Software	4,515	4,515	4,515	0.00%	4,515	0.00%
IT Copier Lease-Town & PD	3,974	5,000	5,000	0.00%	5,000	0.00%
IT Postage Meter Rental	1,124	1,210	1,210	0.00%	1,210	0.00%
IT Election Equipment	0	100	100	0.00%	100	0.00%
IT Planning Board	0	1	325		325	
IT Town Administration	315	1	100		100	
Total IT	51,022	55,786	57,045	2.26%	57,045	2.26%
ASSESSOR						
AS Salaries - Clerk	43,255	45,646	44,671	-2.14%	44,671	-2.14%
AS Miscellaneous	337	375	375	0.00%	375	0.00%
AS Telephone	661	640	640	0.00%	640	0.00%
AS Tax Map Maint	2,440	2,200	2,200	0.00%	2,200	0.00%
AS Contract Service	12,222	13,500	13,000	-3.70%	13,000	-3.70%
AS Utility Appraiser	5,000	6,000	8,400	40.00%	8,400	40.00%
AS Dues/Subscriptions	85	400	300	-25.00%	300	-25.00%
AS Rockingham County Copies	15	0	100		100	
AS Office Supplies	334	350	400	14.29%	400	14.29%
AS Revaluation	1,489	1,800	1	-99.94%	1	-99.94%

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01-4152-2-625 AS Postage	696	715	750	4.90%	750	4.90%
01-4152-2-645 AS Mileage	161	150	250	66.67%	250	66.67%
Total Assessor	66,695	71,776	71,087	-0.96%	71,087	-0.96%
LEGAL						
01-4153-1-320 LE Services	99,504	75,000	122,386	63.18%	122,386	63.18%
Total Legal	99,504	75,000	122,386	63.18%	122,386	63.18%
BENEFITS						
01-4155-1-110 BE FICA	49,111	63,369	66,468	4.89%	66,468	4.89%
01-4155-1-111 BE Medicare	17,643	21,082	21,876	3.77%	21,876	3.77%
01-4155-1-112 BE Health/Dental Insurance	291,901	346,649	364,646	5.19%	364,646	5.19%
01-4155-1-113 BE NH Retirement-Employee	55,347	62,429	65,690	5.22%	65,690	5.22%
01-4155-1-114 BE NH Retirement-Police	80,535	104,086	96,814	-6.99%	96,814	-6.99%
01-4155-1-115 BE NH Retirement-Fire	32,360	33,544	32,842	-2.09%	32,842	-2.09%
01-4155-1-270 BE STD/LTD	11,103	12,718	11,408	-10.30%	11,408	-10.30%
Total Benefits	538,000	643,877	659,744	2.46%	659,744	2.46%
PLANNING BOARD						
01-4191-1-110 PB Planning Coord.	43,393	52,188	64,900	24.36%	64,900	24.36%
01-4191-1-112 PB Recording Secretary	224	0	0		0	
01-4191-1-341 PB Telephone	945	700	800	14.29%	800	14.29%
01-4191-1-390 PB Contract Services	0	0	1		1	
01-4191-1-430 PB Office Equip Maint	0	1	1	0.00%	1	0.00%
01-4191-1-550 PB Printing	907	1,375	1,375	0.00%	1,375	0.00%
01-4191-1-560 PB Dues/Subscriptions	160	272	350	28.68%	350	28.68%
01-4191-1-620 PB Office Supplies	209	500	300	-40.00%	300	-40.00%
01-4191-1-625 PB Postage	806	900	1,300	44.44%	1,300	44.44%
01-4191-1-651 PB Recording Fees	173	400	500	25.00%	500	25.00%
01-4191-1-670 PB Books & Periodicals	183	150	150	0.00%	150	0.00%
01-4191-1-675 PB Advertising	495	750	950	26.67%	950	26.67%
01-4191-1-690 PB Miscellaneous	70	100	100	0.00%	100	0.00%
01-4191-1-741 PB Office Equipment	0	150	1	-99.33%	1	-99.33%
01-4191-2-112 PB Planner	0	0	2,500		2,500	
01-4191-2-116 PB Travel	40	75	175	133.33%	175	133.33%
01-4191-2-117 PB PT Clerk	0	0	1		1	
Total Planning Board	47,605	57,561	73,404	27.52%	73,404	27.52%

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ZONING						
01-4193-1-110	8,120	10,414	11,563	11.03%	11,563	11.03%
ZBA Admin Asst Salaries						
01-4193-1-112	986	1,000	1,000	0.00%	1,000	0.00%
ZBA Recording Sec.						
01-4193-1-341	774	660	660	0.00%	660	0.00%
ZBA Telephone						
01-4193-1-430	0	200	200	0.00%	200	0.00%
ZBA Office Equipment Maint.						
01-4193-1-560	25	300	300	0.00%	300	0.00%
ZBA Dues/Subscriptions						
01-4193-1-620	158	250	250	0.00%	250	0.00%
ZBA Office Supplies						
01-4193-1-625	591	800	800	0.00%	800	0.00%
ZBA Postage						
01-4193-1-645	333	420	420	0.00%	420	0.00%
ZBA Mileage						
01-4193-1-651	87	100	100	0.00%	100	0.00%
ZBA Recording Fees						
01-4193-1-670	42	200	200	0.00%	200	0.00%
ZBA Books & Periodicals						
01-4193-1-675	720	800	800	0.00%	800	0.00%
ZBA Advertising						
01-4193-1-741	34	200	200	0.00%	200	0.00%
ZBA Office Equipment						
Total Zoning	11,870	15,344	16,493	7.49%	16,493	7.49%
BUILDINGS						
01-4194-1-110	28,805	35,537	34,778	-2.14%	34,778	-2.14%
GB Salary Maintenance						
01-4194-1-111	13,126	14,010	13,956	-0.39%	13,956	-0.39%
GB Maint-Custodian						
01-4194-1-112	14,389	14,467	18,200	25.80%	18,200	25.80%
GB Housekeeping						
01-4194-1-113	5,933	1	1	0.00%	1	0.00%
GB Maintenance Seasonal						
01-4194-1-114	0	16,287	16,302	0.09%	16,302	0.09%
GB Part-Time						
01-4194-1-129	11	4,000	4,000	0.00%	4,000	0.00%
GB Snow Removal						
01-4194-1-341	524	800	600	-25.00%	600	-25.00%
GB Telephone						
01-4194-1-391	6,493	5,000	5,000	0.00%	5,000	0.00%
GB Water Testing						
01-4194-1-410	27,753	27,000	27,000	0.00%	27,000	0.00%
GB Electricity						
01-4194-1-411	25,288	25,000	25,000	0.00%	25,000	0.00%
GB Heating Oil						
01-4194-1-412	780	800	800	0.00%	800	0.00%
GB Bottle Water						
01-4194-1-413	6,028	5,000	5,000	0.00%	5,000	0.00%
GB Sewer & Drain						
01-4194-1-414	10,771	11,130	10,130	-8.98%	10,130	-8.98%
GB Propane						
01-4194-1-414	0	50,000	0	-100.00%	0	-100.00%
GB Major Projects						

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01-4194-1-430	8,385	8,500	8,500	0.00%	8,500	0.00%
01-4194-1-432	2,526	2,000	3,000	50.00%	3,000	50.00%
01-4194-1-435	880	2,000	2,000	0.00%	2,000	0.00%
01-4194-1-437	522	800	1,500	87.50%	1,500	87.50%
01-4194-1-439	10,780	2,000	2,000	0.00%	2,000	0.00%
01-4194-1-440	951	1,000	2,500	150.00%	2,500	150.00%
01-4194-1-441	12,188	2,000	2,000	0.00%	2,000	0.00%
01-4194-1-442	0	1	1	0.00%	1	0.00%
01-4194-1-570	3,380	4,000	4,000	0.00%	4,000	0.00%
01-4194-1-572	2,665	2,500	0	-100.00%	0	-100.00%
01-4194-1-622	4,856	5,000	5,000	0.00%	5,000	0.00%
01-4194-1-623	30	300	300	0.00%	300	0.00%
01-4194-1-639	2,108	2,500	2,300	-8.00%	2,300	-8.00%
01-4194-1-641	2,977	6,000	3,000	-50.00%	3,000	-50.00%
01-4194-1-650	3,237	5,000	5,000	0.00%	5,000	0.00%
01-4194-1-740	60	3,000	3,000	0.00%	3,000	0.00%
01-4194-1-741	1,493	2,500	2,500	0.00%	2,500	0.00%
01-4194-1-743	782	2,000	2,000	0.00%	2,000	0.00%
01-4194-1-750	0	1,000	1,000	0.00%	1,000	0.00%
01-4194-1-801	0	1	1	0.00%	1	0.00%
01-4194-1-840	25,604	2,000	2,000	0.00%	2,000	0.00%
01-4194-1-841	15,041	5,000	5,000	0.00%	5,000	0.00%
01-4194-1-845	0	1	1	0.00%	1	0.00%
01-4194-1-850	3,102	7,500	7,500	0.00%	7,500	0.00%
01-4194-1-851	2,995	2,500	2,500	0.00%	2,500	0.00%
01-4194-1-853	2,630	5,000	5,000	0.00%	5,000	0.00%
01-4194-1-855	0	3,000	3,000	0.00%	3,000	0.00%
01-4194-1-856	480	2,000	2,000	0.00%	2,000	0.00%
Total Buildings	247,573	288,135	237,370	-17.62%	237,370	-17.62%

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STEVENS HALL						
01-4194-2-341	500	460	460	0.00%	460	0.00%
01-4194-2-390	0	1	1	0.00%	1	0.00%
01-4194-2-410	1,864	1,750	1,750	0.00%	1,750	0.00%
01-4194-2-411	10,056	9,500	9,500	0.00%	9,500	0.00%
01-4194-2-430	0	1	1	0.00%	1	0.00%
01-4194-2-510	0	500	500	0.00%	500	0.00%
Total Stevens Hall	12,420	12,212	12,212	0.00%	12,212	0.00%
CEMETERY						
01-4195-1-110	19,172	13,684	13,684	0.00%	13,684	0.00%
01-4195-1-120	600	600	600	0.00%	600	0.00%
01-4195-1-390	0	2,500	2,500	0.00%	2,500	0.00%
01-4195-1-430	1,680	1,000	1,000	0.00%	1,000	0.00%
01-4195-1-530	1,722	3,000	3,000	0.00%	3,000	0.00%
01-4195-1-531	244	250	250	0.00%	250	0.00%
01-4195-1-635	970	1,000	1,000	0.00%	1,000	0.00%
01-4195-1-690	1,789	1,500	1,000	-33.33%	1,000	-33.33%
01-4195-1-700	1,871	1,500	2,000	33.33%	2,000	33.33%
01-4195-1-740	2,823	2,500	2,000	-20.00%	2,000	-20.00%
01-4195-1-743	580	750	750	0.00%	750	0.00%
Total Cemetery	31,451	28,284	27,784	-1.77%	27,784	-1.77%
GREAT HILL CEM						
01-4195-2-690	0	0	100		100	
Total Great Hill Cemetery	0	0	100		100	
INSURANCE						
01-4196-1-520	52,308	50,448	54,000	7.04%	54,000	7.04%
01-4196-1-522	42,211	52,522	54,500	3.77%	54,500	3.77%
01-4196-1-530	0	1,000	1,000	0.00%	1,000	0.00%
01-4196-1-535	4,047	4,686	4,686	0.00%	4,686	0.00%
Total Insurance	98,566	108,656	114,186	5.09%	114,186	5.09%
AD						
01-4197-1-385	3,926	3,926	3,926	0.00%	3,926	0.00%
01-4197-1-390	3,019	3,000	3,035	1.17%	3,035	1.17%
Total Admin & Reg Dev.	6,945	6,926	6,961	0.51%	6,961	0.51%

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				Proposed	Proposed	Proposed	Proposed	Proposed	Proposed	Proposed	Proposed
		75,728	80,425	78,352	78,352	-2.58%	78,352	78,352	-2.58%		
	PD Salary - Chief	207,449	262,200	250,000	250,000	-4.65%	250,000	250,000	-4.65%		
	PD Salary Full	31,539	35,108	35,360	35,360	0.72%	35,360	35,360	0.72%		
	PD Salaries - Admin Asst	27,608	43,459	52,000	52,000	19.65%	52,000	52,000	19.65%		
	PD Salaries -Officers (PT)	0	1	0	0	-100.00%	0	0	-100.00%		
	PD Salaries -Clerical	308	2,000	2,000	2,000	0.00%	2,000	2,000	0.00%		
	PD Salaries -town special det	7,105	10,000	10,000	10,000	0.00%	10,000	10,000	0.00%		
	PD Shift Differential	0	500	500	500	0.00%	500	500	0.00%		
	PD Salaries -On Call	23,732	28,000	28,000	28,000	0.00%	28,000	28,000	0.00%		
	PD Salaries -Overtime	0	0	39,000	39,000	0.00%	14,000	14,000	0.00%		
	PD Detective	14,000	14,000	14,000	14,000	0.00%	5,400	5,400	1.89%		
	PD Admin Legal	5,341	5,300	5,400	5,400	0.00%	450	450	0.00%		
	PD Admin Telephone/Fax	75	750	750	750	0.00%	2,000	2,000	0.00%		
	PD Admin Printing	625	750	750	750	0.00%	1,500	1,500	100.00%		
	PD Dues & Subscriptions	1,984	2,000	2,000	2,000	0.00%	400	400	0.00%		
	PD Conferences, Classes	0	750	750	750	0.00%	250	250	0.00%		
	PD Hiring/psychological exams	341	400	400	400	0.00%	1,000	1,000	0.00%		
	PD Admin Postage	208	250	250	250	0.00%	1,000	1,000	0.00%		
	PD Books & Periodicals	1,193	1,000	1,000	1,000	0.00%	1,000	1,000	0.00%		
	PD Miscellaneous	332	1,000	1,000	1,000	0.00%	26,000	26,000	-16.13%		
	PD Radar Repair	16,130	31,000	31,000	31,000	0.00%	3,500	3,500	0.00%		
	PD Gas/Oil	2,690	3,500	3,500	3,500	0.00%	1,500	1,500	0.00%		
	PD 11 Cruiser Repair	1,327	1,500	1,500	1,500	0.00%	3,000	3,000	20.00%		
	PD Equip & Maint - Vehicle	1,761	2,500	2,500	2,500	0.00%	0	0	0.00%		
	PD 08 Expedition Repair/Maint	573	0	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%		
	PD 09 Crown Vic Repair/Maint	462	0	0	0	0.00%	3,000	3,000	0.00%		
	PD 10 Cruiser Repair/Maint	4,229	3,000	3,000	3,000	0.00%	3,500	3,500	16.67%		
	PD 14 Utility Repair/Maint	1,088	3,000	3,000	3,000	0.00%	2,500	2,500	0.00%		
	PD 15 Ford Utility Repair/Maint	1,048	2,500	2,500	2,500	0.00%	1	1	0.00%		
	PD 16 Vehicle Repair/Maint	0	1	1	1	0.00%	0	0	0.00%		
	PD Vehicle Purchase										

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01-4210-5-740	(1,608)	1,000	1,500	50.00%	1,500	50.00%
01-4210-5-810	4,820	4,000	6,000	50.00%	6,000	50.00%
01-4210-5-811	0	1	0	-100.00%	0	-100.00%
01-4210-6-740	3,365	3,500	3,500	0.00%	3,500	0.00%
01-4210-7-430	0	1	0	-100.00%	0	-100.00%
01-4210-7-725	380	0	0		0	
01-4210-8-430	1,316	1,700	1,800	5.88%	1,800	5.88%
01-4210-8-670	1,072	1,000	0	-100.00%	0	-100.00%
Total Police Dept.	436,221	545,796	577,763	5.86%	577,763	5.86%
POLICE DEPARTMENT GRANTS						
01-4212-1-700	0	1	1	0.00%	1	0.00%
01-4212-1-701	0	1	1	0.00%	1	0.00%
01-4212-1-702	0	1	1	0.00%	1	0.00%
Total Police Dept. Grants	0	3	3		3	
AMBULANCE						
01-4215-1-350	63,033	69,336	76,269	10.00%	76,269	10.00%
01-4215-1-351	400	1,500	1,500	0.00%	1,500	0.00%
01-4215-1-352	0	1	1	0.00%	1	0.00%
01-4215-1-570	28,882	28,882	31,842	10.25%	31,842	10.25%
Total Ambulance	92,315	99,719	109,612	9.92%	109,612	9.92%
FIRE DEPT						
01-4220-1-120	500	2,000	2,000	0.00%	2,000	0.00%
01-4220-1-130	17,347	19,416	19,023	-2.02%	19,023	-2.02%
01-4220-1-136	4,417	3,000	3,000	0.00%	3,000	0.00%
01-4220-1-140	7,693	7,800	7,800	0.00%	7,800	0.00%
01-4220-1-150	37,636	30,000	35,040	16.80%	35,040	16.80%
01-4220-1-160	59,843	63,113	10,000	-84.16%	10,000	-84.16%
01-4220-1-170	49,434	47,721	96,000	101.17%	96,000	101.17%
01-4220-1-171	0	0	2,000		2,000	
01-4220-1-172	0	0	2,000		2,000	
01-4220-1-341	1,384	1,600	1,600	0.00%	1,600	0.00%
01-4220-1-410	6,857	7,000	6,000	-14.29%	6,000	-14.29%
01-4220-1-411	9,313	8,000	8,000	0.00%	8,000	0.00%

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01-4220-1-430	2,160	2,160	2,855	32.18%	2,855	32.18%
01-4220-1-560	2,490	2,500	3,500	40.00%	3,500	40.00%
01-4220-1-561	5,115	8,000	8,000	0.00%	8,000	0.00%
01-4220-1-562	616	1,200	1,600	33.33%	1,600	33.33%
01-4220-1-620	3,272	2,500	2,500	0.00%	2,500	0.00%
01-4220-1-635	6,638	7,500	7,000	-6.67%	7,000	-6.67%
01-4220-1-740	2,581	5,500	6,000	9.09%	6,000	9.09%
01-4220-3-430	3,164	2,500	2,500	0.00%	2,500	0.00%
01-4220-3-435	990	1,000	1,000	0.00%	1,000	0.00%
01-4220-3-740	6,407	7,500	0	-100.00%	0	-100.00%
01-4220-4-810	1,292	2,000	2,000	0.00%	2,000	0.00%
01-4220-4-811	7,285	4,000	8,000	100.00%	8,000	100.00%
01-4220-4-812	0	0	0	0	0	0
01-4220-6-660	9,606	10,000	10,000	0.00%	10,000	0.00%
01-4220-6-661	15,052	10,000	13,000	30.00%	13,000	30.00%
01-4220-6-881	5,406	6,000	2,000	-66.67%	2,000	-66.67%
01-4220-7-350	1,615	1,300	1,300	0.00%	1,300	0.00%
01-4220-7-430	7,203	3,000	4,300	43.33%	4,300	43.33%
01-4220-8-740	2,217	2,200	2,000	-9.09%	2,000	-9.09%
01-4220-8-741	936	900	900	0.00%	900	0.00%
01-4220-8-800	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Fire Dept.	278,469	269,410	270,918	0.56%	270,918	0.56%
FOREST FIRE						
01-4221-2-120	0	1	1	0.00%	1	0.00%
01-4221-8-660	489	1,000	1,000	0.00%	1,000	0.00%
01-4221-8-740	2,299	1,000	1,000	0.00%	1,000	0.00%
Total Forest Fire	2,788	2,001	2,001	0.00%	2,001	0.00%

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FIRE DEPARTMENT GRANTS						
01-4222-1-563	0	1	1		1	
01-4222-1-564	0	1	1		1	
01-4222-1-565	0	1	1		1	
Total Fire Dept. Grants	0	3	3		3	
AMBULANCE BILLING						
01-4223-1-400	422	1,000	1,000	0.00%	1,000	0.00%
Total Ambulance Billing	422	1,000	1,000	0.00%	1,000	0.00%
BUILDING INSPECTION						
01-4240-1-110	46,604	49,171	40,061	-18.53%	40,061	-18.53%
01-4240-1-341	931	900	900	0.00%	900	0.00%
01-4240-1-391	0	800	9,750	1118.75%	9,750	1118.75%
01-4240-1-520	0	100	100	0.00%	100	0.00%
01-4240-1-560	1,282	1,000	1,000	0.00%	1,000	0.00%
01-4240-1-620	285	400	400	0.00%	400	0.00%
01-4240-1-623	215	500	500	0.00%	500	0.00%
01-4240-1-625	21	100	100	0.00%	100	0.00%
01-4240-1-638	0	200	200	0.00%	200	0.00%
01-4240-1-645	0	200	200	0.00%	200	0.00%
01-4240-1-690	0	300	300	0.00%	300	0.00%
01-4240-1-741	0	150	150	0.00%	150	0.00%
01-4240-1-810	0	1	1	0.00%	1	0.00%
01-4240-2-430	0	150	150	0.00%	150	0.00%
01-4240-3-430	1,007	2,000	2,000	0.00%	2,000	0.00%
Total Building Inspection	50,345	55,972	55,812	-0.29%	55,812	-0.29%
EMERGENCY						
01-4290-1-430	1,068	2,500	2,500	0.00%	2,500	0.00%
01-4290-1-431	0	1	1	0.00%	1	0.00%
01-4299-1-100	5,913	6,000	6,000	0.00%	6,000	0.00%
Total Emergency	6,981	8,501	8,501	0.00%	8,501	0.00%

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HIGHWAY						
01-4312-1-109	23,208	15,255	15,255	0.00%	15,255	0.00%
01-4312-1-110	66,173	79,345	79,228	-0.15%	79,228	-0.15%
01-4312-1-111	13,412	8,000	8,000	0.00%	8,000	0.00%
01-4312-1-112	144	900	900	0.00%	900	0.00%
01-4312-1-114	2,104	3,000	3,000	0.00%	3,000	0.00%
01-4312-1-115	0	115	115	0.00%	115	0.00%
01-4312-1-341	1,275	1,100	1,100	0.00%	1,100	0.00%
01-4312-1-410	1,901	2,543	2,543	0.00%	2,543	0.00%
01-4312-1-411	5,234	4,400	4,400	0.00%	4,400	0.00%
01-4312-1-620	103	125	125	0.00%	125	0.00%
01-4312-1-622	2,921	1,750	1,750	0.00%	1,750	0.00%
01-4312-1-623	1,270	2,500	2,500	0.00%	2,500	0.00%
01-4312-1-635	11,174	21,000	16,000	-23.81%	16,000	-23.81%
01-4312-1-660	8,298	7,500	7,500	0.00%	7,500	0.00%
01-4312-1-661	3,083	10,000	10,000	0.00%	10,000	0.00%
01-4312-1-665	2,585	5,000	5,000	0.00%	5,000	0.00%
01-4312-1-690	208	200	200	0.00%	200	0.00%
01-4312-1-740	611	1,000	1,000	0.00%	1,000	0.00%
01-4312-1-901	33,391	27,500	27,500	0.00%	27,500	0.00%
01-4312-1-902	201,913	187,000	187,000	0.00%	187,000	0.00%
01-4312-1-904	2,030	10,000	10,000	0.00%	10,000	0.00%
01-4312-1-905	87,213	75,000	75,000	0.00%	75,000	0.00%
01-4312-1-911	49,749	135,000	35,000	-74.07%	35,000	-74.07%
01-4312-1-913	40,370	45,000	45,000	0.00%	45,000	0.00%
01-4312-1-914	30,352	27,000	27,000	0.00%	27,000	0.00%
01-4312-1-915	37,992	4,000	4,000	0.00%	4,000	0.00%
01-4312-2-570	31,905	10,000	10,000	0.00%	10,000	0.00%
01-4312-2-700	5,850	10,000	0	-100.00%	0	-100.00%
01-4312-2-710	0	20,000	20,000	0.00%	20,000	0.00%
01-4312-2-720	0					
Total Highway	664,469	714,233	599,116	-16.12%	599,116	-16.12%

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STREET LIGHTING						
01-4316-3-410	4,385	4,000	4,000	0.00%	4,000	0.00%
	4,385	4,000	4,000	0.00%	4,000	0.00%
TRANSFER STATION						
01-4324-1-110	65,819	70,391	66,776	-5.14%	66,776	-5.14%
01-4324-1-341	337	400	350	-12.50%	350	-12.50%
01-4324-1-410	2,738	2,500	2,500	0.00%	2,500	0.00%
01-4324-1-560	100	200	200	0.00%	200	0.00%
01-4324-1-622	2,517	2,500	2,500	0.00%	2,500	0.00%
01-4324-1-623	41	150	100	-33.33%	100	-33.33%
01-4324-1-634	276	700	700	0.00%	700	0.00%
01-4324-1-635	71	175	175	0.00%	175	0.00%
01-4324-1-645	28	50	50	0.00%	50	0.00%
01-4324-2-106	1,229	1	1,400	139900.00%	1,400	139900.00%
01-4324-2-107	11	30	30	0.00%	30	0.00%
01-4324-2-108	760	800	800	0.00%	800	0.00%
01-4324-2-109	31	1	1	0.00%	1	0.00%
01-4324-2-110	864	300	250	-16.67%	250	-16.67%
01-4324-2-111	2,198	2,300	2,300	0.00%	2,300	0.00%
01-4324-2-113	196	1	750	74900.00%	750	74900.00%
01-4324-2-114	0	1	1	0.00%	1	0.00%
01-4324-2-115	501	900	600	-33.33%	600	-33.33%
01-4324-2-116	223	550	550	0.00%	550	0.00%
01-4324-2-117	3,862	4,200	4,200	0.00%	4,200	0.00%
01-4324-2-118	201	200	250	25.00%	250	25.00%
01-4324-2-119	6,360	4,600	7,242	57.43%	7,242	57.43%
01-4324-2-120	0	1,000	1,000	0.00%	1,000	0.00%
01-4324-2-122	2,329	1,800	21,500	1094.44%	21,500	1094.44%
01-4324-2-124	61,655	67,000	67,000	0.00%	67,000	0.00%
01-4324-2-125	365	358	365	1.96%	365	1.96%
01-4324-2-129	6,200	6,200	6,200	0.00%	6,200	0.00%

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01-4324-2-560	333	334	334	0.00%	334	0.00%
01-4324-2-620	0	1	1	0.00%	1	0.00%
01-4324-2-640	0	1	1	0.00%	1	0.00%
01-4324-2-641	2,210	1,800	2,200	22.22%	2,200	22.22%
Total Transfer Station	161,455	169,444	190,326	12.32%	190,326	12.32%
LANDFILL						
01-4325-1-100	9,230	9,400	6,615	-29.63%	6,615	-29.63%
01-4325-1-110	0	1,000	1,000	0.00%	1,000	0.00%
01-4325-1-690	54	1,500	1,500	0.00%	1,500	0.00%
Total Landfill	9,284	11,900	9,115	-23.40%	9,115	-23.40%
ANIMAL CONTROL						
01-4414-1-990	190	500	2,500	400.00%	2,500	400.00%
Total Animal Control	190	500	2,500	400.00%	2,500	400.00%
WR OTHER HEALTH AGENCIES						
01-4419-1-350	2,581	2,581	2,581	0.00%	2,581	0.00%
01-4419-1-351	5,000	5,000	5,000	0.00%	5,000	0.00%
01-4419-1-352	3,000	3,000	3,000	0.00%	3,000	0.00%
01-4419-1-354	2,250	2,250	2,250	0.00%	2,250	0.00%
01-4419-1-355	1,000	1,000	0	-100.00%	0	-100.00%
01-4419-1-356	1,500	1,500	2,500	66.67%	2,500	66.67%
01-4419-1-357	100	100	100	0.00%	100	0.00%
01-4419-1-358	800	800	800	0.00%	800	0.00%
01-4419-1-359	500	500	500	0.00%	500	0.00%
01-4419-1-361	100	100	100	0.00%	100	0.00%
01-4419-1-362	6,019	6,019	6,019	0.00%	6,019	0.00%
01-4419-1-363	2,000	2,000	2,000	0.00%	2,000	0.00%
01-4419-1-364	1,000	1,000	1,000	0.00%	1,000	0.00%
01-4419-1-365	750	750	750	0.00%	750	0.00%
Total WR Other Health Ag.	26,600	26,600	26,600	0.00%	26,600	0.00%

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	FY14/15 Actual	FY15/16 Budget	BOS 16/17 Proposed	BOS % Inc/Dec	Budget Committee 16/17 Proposed	BC % Inc/Dec
GA GENERAL ASSISTANCE						
01-4442-1-150 GA Burial Allotment	0	1,000	1,000	0.00%	1,000	0.00%
01-4442-1-341 GA Telephone	585	550	550	0.00%	550	0.00%
01-4442-1-350 GA Medical	200	1,000	1,000	0.00%	1,000	0.00%
01-4442-1-410 GA Electricity	1,771	1,700	1,700	0.00%	1,700	0.00%
01-4442-1-411 GA Fuel	848	3,000	3,000	0.00%	3,000	0.00%
01-4442-1-415 GA Food	419	750	750	0.00%	750	0.00%
01-4442-1-440 GA Rent	2,069	11,000	11,000	0.00%	11,000	0.00%
01-4442-1-690 GA Miscellaneous	200	300	300	0.00%	300	0.00%
Total General Assistance	6,092	19,300	19,300	0.00%	19,300	0.00%
WELFARE INTERGOVERNMENTAL						
01-4444-1-100 WR IG Cap	3,712	3,712	3,712	0.00%	3,712	0.00%
01-4444-1-200 WR IG Meals on Wheels	650	650	650	0.00%	650	0.00%
Total Welfare Intergovern.	4,362	4,362	4,362	0.00%	4,362	0.00%
RECREATION						
01-4520-1-110 REC Salaries	21,474	22,256	22,028	-1.02%	22,028	-1.02%
01-4520-1-120 REC Summer Wages	15,000	15,000	15,000	0.00%	15,000	0.00%
01-4520-1-341 REC Telephone	1,082	1,000	1,000	0.00%	1,000	0.00%
01-4520-1-410 REC Electricity	1,050	1,540	1,540	0.00%	1,540	0.00%
01-4520-1-560 REC Prof. dues & subscriptions	0	250	250	0.00%	250	0.00%
01-4520-1-570 REC Trash Removal	753	2,000	2,000	0.00%	2,000	0.00%
01-4520-1-571 REC Portables	1,852	2,112	2,112	0.00%	2,112	0.00%
01-4520-1-622 REC Supplies & Equip	875	2,000	2,500	25.00%	2,500	25.00%
01-4520-1-626 REC New Hire background check	0	0	500		500	
01-4520-1-730 REC Improv/Add - Buildings	1,400	1	1	0.00%	1	0.00%
01-4520-1-740 REC Training	0	250	250	0.00%	250	0.00%
01-4520-1-760 REC Athletic Fields	835	2,690	2,810	4.46%	2,810	4.46%
01-4520-1-900 REC Senior rec programs	4,285	5,000	5,000	0.00%	5,000	0.00%
Total Recreation	48,606	54,099	54,991	1.65%	54,991	1.65%
WASON POND						
01-4530-1-431 WP Electricity Community Ctr.	1,103	1,430	1,430	0.00%	1,430	0.00%
01-4530-1-432 WP Heat/Oil Community Center	2,592	2,000	2,000	0.00%	2,000	0.00%
01-4530-1-433 WP Telephone/Internet	1,227	1,200	1,200	0.00%	1,200	0.00%

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01-4530-1-570	0	1	1	0.00%	1	0.00%
WP Trash Removal						
01-4530-1-620	20	250	250	0.00%	250	0.00%
WP Supplies						
01-4530-1-621	0	400	400	0.00%	400	0.00%
WP Contract Services						
01-4530-1-623	0	200	200	0.00%	200	0.00%
WP Signs						
01-4530-1-650	0	1	1	0.00%	1	0.00%
WP Athletic Fields						
01-4530-1-655	0	1,100	1,100	0.00%	1,100	0.00%
WP Playground						
01-4530-1-660	819	1,900	1,900	0.00%	1,900	0.00%
WP Portable Toilets/Playground						
01-4530-1-661	0	0	1		1	
WP Fishing Derby						
01-4530-1-730	0	1	1	0.00%	1	0.00%
WP Field Improvements						
Total Wason Pond	5,761	8,483	8,484	0.01%	8,484	0.01%
WP CARETAKER COTTAGE						
01-4535-1-431	965	1,200	1,200	0.00%	1,200	0.00%
CA Electricity						
Total WP Caretaker Cottage	965	1,200	1,200	0.00%	1,200	0.00%
WP BATH HOUSE-Recreation						
01-4540-1-430	59	100	100	0.00%	100	0.00%
BH Repairs & Maint						
01-4540-1-431	223	200	200	0.00%	200	0.00%
BH Electricity						
Total WP Bath House	282	300	300	0.00%	300	0.00%
WASON POND COMMISSION						
01-4541-1-430	0	200	200	0.00%	200	0.00%
WPC Dam Maint						
01-4541-1-431	0	1	1	0.00%	1	0.00%
WPC Rec. Development						
01-4541-1-432	300	500	500	0.00%	500	0.00%
WPC Conservation						
01-4541-1-433	0	1	1	0.00%	1	0.00%
WPC Cultural Resources						
01-4541-1-434	0	1	1	0.00%	1	0.00%
WPC Scenic Resources						
01-4541-1-435	0	1	1	0.00%	1	0.00%
WPC Public Safety Emer						
01-4541-1-436	0	100	100	0.00%	100	0.00%
WPC Misc.						
01-4541-1-437	200	150	150	0.00%	150	0.00%
WPC Utility Decom.						
Total Wason Pond Comm.	500	954	954	0.00%	954	0.00%
LIBRARY						
01-4550-1-100	158,700	158,700	159,950	0.79%	159,950	0.79%
LIB Chester Public Library						
Total Library	158,700	158,700	159,950	0.79%	159,950	0.79%
PATRIOTIC						
01-4583-1-600	0	1,500	1,500	0.00%	1,500	0.00%
PA Patriotic						
Total Patriotic	0	1,500	1,500	0.00%	1,500	0.00%

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HISTORICAL SOCIETY						
01-4584-1-100 HS Telephone	159	0	0	0	0	0
Total Historical Society	159	0	0	0	0	0
PACT						
01-4585-1-622 PACT Supplies	0	0	2,500		2,500	
Total PACT	0	0	2,500		2,500	
CHESTER SENIOR CITIZENS						
01-4586-1-100 SR Chester Senior Citizens	10,000	10,000	10,000	0.00%	10,000	0.00%
Total Chester Sr. Citizens	10,000	10,000	10,000	0.00%	10,000	0.00%
TOWN FAIR FIREWORKS						
01-4587-1-100 TF Town Fair Fireworks	7,000	7,000	7,000	0.00%	7,000	0.00%
Total Town Fair Fireworks	7,000	7,000	7,000	0.00%	7,000	0.00%
SPRING HILL FARM						
01-4610-1-100 SHF Spring Hill Farm	0	1	1	0.00%	1	0.00%
Total Spring Hill Farm	0	1	1	0.00%	1	0.00%
CONSERVATION						
01-4619-1-110 CONS Admin Salaries	0	100	100	0.00%	100	0.00%
01-4619-1-550 CONS Printing	99	50	50	0.00%	50	0.00%
01-4619-1-560 CONS Dues Seminars	303	300	300	0.00%	300	0.00%
01-4619-1-690 CONS Miscellaneous	6	100	100	0.00%	100	0.00%
01-4619-1-700 CONS Exeter River Watershed	0	150	150	0.00%	150	0.00%
01-4619-1-750 CONS Southeast Land Trust	50	50	50	0.00%	50	0.00%
01-4619-1-901 CONS Easement Monitoring	212	0				
01-4619-1-911 Unexpended at Y/E-xfer to CC	485					
Total Conservation	1,155	750	750	0.00%	750	0.00%
AGRICULTURAL						
01-4620-1-110 AC Admin Salaries	0	150	150	0.00%	150	0.00%
01-4620-1-550 AC Printing	250	300	300	0.00%	300	0.00%

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01-4620-1-560 AC Dues & Seminars	0	200	200	0.00%	200	0.00%
01-4620-1-625 AC Postage	0	200	200	0.00%	200	0.00%
01-4620-1-690 AC Miscellaneous	152	50	50	0.00%	50	0.00%
Total Agricultural	402	900	900	0.00%	900	0.00%
TOTAL BEFORE DEBT	3,506,151	3,912,180	3,975,954	1.63%	3,975,954	1.63%
LOAN PRINCIPALS						
01-4711-1-100 Principal - TAN	0	1	1	0.00%	1	0.00%
01-4711-1-400 Principal - Fire Station	25,000	25,000	25,000	0.00%	25,000	0.00%
01-4711-1-450 Principal - Wason Pond Dam	25,000	25,000	0	-100.00%	0	-100.00%
01-4711-1-600 Principal - Road Bond	210,000	0	0	0	0	0
01-4711-1-800 Principal - Rescue Truck	42,088	0	0	0	0	0
01-4711-1-801 Principal - Quint Fire Truck	41,438	42,807	44,220	3.30%	44,220	3.30%
01-4711-1-802 Principal - 2012 Ford F550	15,039	15,896	0	-100.00%	0	-100.00%
01-4711-1-803 Principal - 2013 Skid Steer	8,654	8,872	9,095	2.51%	9,095	2.51%
01-4711-1-804 Principal - 2015 Plow Truck	0	33,311	34,290	2.94%	34,290	2.94%
Total Loan Principals	367,219	150,887	112,606	-25.37%	112,606	-25.37%
LOAN INTEREST						
01-4721-1-400 Interest - Fire Station	5,625	4,375	3,125	-28.57%	3,125	-28.57%
01-4721-1-450 Interest - Wason Pond Dam	2,000	1,000	0	-100.00%	0	-100.00%
01-4721-1-600 Interest - Road Bond	3,570	0	0	0	0	0
01-4721-1-800 Interest - Rescue Truck	2,244	0	0	0	0	0
01-4721-1-801 Interest - Quint Fire Truck	10,582	9,213	7,799	-15.35%	7,799	-15.35%
01-4721-1-802 Interest - 2012 Ford F550	1,763	907	0	-100.00%	0	-100.00%
01-4721-1-803 Interest - 2013 Skid Steer	903	685	462	-32.55%	462	-32.55%
01-4721-1-804 Interest - 2015 Plow Truck	0	4,096	3,116	-23.93%	3,116	-23.93%
01-4723-1-100 Interest - TAN	0	1	1	0.00%	1	0.00%
Total Interest	26,687	20,277	14,503	-28.48%	14,503	-28.48%
TOTAL BUDGET	3,900,057	4,083,344	4,103,063	0.48%	4,103,063	0.48%



Budget of the Town of Chester

Form Due Date: 20 Days after the Town Meeting

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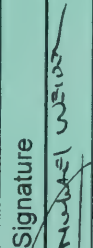
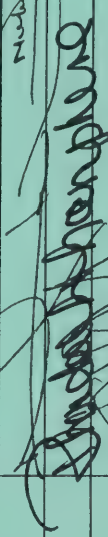




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BUDGET COMMITTEE CERTIFICATION

Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have examined the information contained in this form and to the best of my belief it is true, correct and complete.

Budget Committee Members	
Printed Name	Signature
Michael A. Wedder - Chairman	
Brandon A. Hampshire	
Ephraima Robbins	
Stephen J. Angelo	
Mark Hemen	
Cass Buckley	

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General Government								
0000-0000	Collective Bargaining		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4130-4139	Executive	12	\$117,208	\$87,328	\$167,967	\$0	\$167,967	\$0
4140-4149	Election, Registration, and Vital Statistics	12	\$66,027	\$56,887	\$78,775	\$0	\$78,775	\$0
4150-4151	Financial Administration	12	\$132,308	\$117,676	\$130,099	\$0	\$130,099	\$0
4152	Revaluation of Property	12	\$67,562	\$66,695	\$71,087	\$0	\$71,087	\$0
4153	Legal Expense	12	\$75,000	\$99,504	\$122,386	\$0	\$122,386	\$0
4155-4159	Personnel Administration	12	\$577,447	\$538,000	\$659,744	\$0	\$659,744	\$0
4191-4193	Planning and Zoning	12	\$66,307	\$59,475	\$89,897	\$0	\$89,897	\$0
4194	General Government Buildings	12	\$271,505	\$259,993	\$249,582	\$0	\$249,582	\$0
4195	Cemeteries	12	\$30,371	\$31,451	\$27,884	\$0	\$27,884	\$0
4196	Insurance	12	\$88,422	\$98,566	\$114,186	\$0	\$114,186	\$0
4197	Advertising and Regional Association	12	\$7,288	\$6,945	\$6,961	\$0	\$6,961	\$0
4199	Other General Government	12	\$110,149	\$105,722	\$127,924	\$0	\$127,924	\$0
Public Safety								
4210-4214	Police	12	\$484,919	\$436,221	\$577,766	\$0	\$577,766	\$0
4215-4219	Ambulance	12	\$95,416	\$92,737	\$110,612	\$0	\$110,612	\$0
4220-4229	Fire	12	\$270,740	\$281,257	\$272,922	\$0	\$272,922	\$0
4240-4249	Building Inspection	12	\$54,928	\$50,345	\$55,812	\$0	\$55,812	\$0
4290-4298	Emergency Management	12	\$9,501	\$6,981	\$8,501	\$0	\$8,501	\$0
4299	Other (Including Communications)		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Airport/Aviation Center								
4301-4309	Airport Operations		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Highways and Streets								
4311	Administration		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4312	Highways and Streets	12	\$679,569	\$664,469	\$599,116	\$0	\$599,116	\$0
4313	Bridges		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4316	Street Lighting	12	\$4,500	\$4,385	\$4,000	\$0	\$4,000	\$0
4319	Other		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

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Sanitation								
4321	Administration	12	\$167,454	\$170,738	\$199,441	\$0	\$199,441	\$0
4323	Solid Waste Collection		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4324	Solid Waste Disposal		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4325	Solid Waste Cleanup		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4326-4329	Sewage Collection, Disposal and Other		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Water Distribution and Treatment								
4331	Administration		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4332	Water Services		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4335-4339	Water Treatment, Conservation and Other		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Electric								
4351-4352	Administration and Generation		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4353	Purchase Costs		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4354	Electric Equipment Maintenance		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4359	Other Electric Costs		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Health								
4411	Administration		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4414	Pest Control	12	\$1,000	\$191	\$2,500	\$0	\$2,500	\$0
4415-4419	Health Agencies, Hospitals, and Other	12	\$26,600	\$26,600	\$26,600	\$0	\$26,600	\$0
Welfare								
4441-4442	Administration and Direct Assistance	12	\$20,050	\$6,092	\$19,300	\$0	\$19,300	\$0
4444	Intergovernmental Welfare Payments	12	\$4,362	\$4,362	\$4,362	\$0	\$4,362	\$0
4445-4449	Vendor Payments and Other		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Culture and Recreation								
4520-4529	Parks and Recreation	12	\$53,035	\$48,606	\$54,991	\$0	\$54,991	\$0
4550-4559	Library	12	\$158,700	\$158,700	\$159,950	\$0	\$159,950	\$0
4583	Patriotic Purposes	12	\$8,500	\$7,000	\$8,500	\$0	\$8,500	\$0
4589	Other Culture and Recreation	12	\$23,439	\$17,668	\$23,439	\$0	\$23,439	\$0
Conservation and Development								
4611-4612	Administration and Purchasing of Natural Resources	12	\$2,205	\$1,558	\$1,650	\$0	\$1,650	\$0
4619	Other Conservation		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

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4631-4632	Redevelopment and Housing		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4651-4659	Economic Development		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Debt Service								
4711	Long Term Bonds and Notes - Principal	12	\$367,222	\$367,219	\$112,606	\$0	\$112,606	\$0
4721	Long Term Bonds and Notes - Interest	12	\$26,690	\$26,686	\$14,503	\$0	\$14,503	\$0
4723	Tax Anticipation Notes - Interest		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4790-4799	Other Debt Service		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Capital Outlay								
4901	Land		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4902	Machinery, Vehicles, and Equipment		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4903	Buildings		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4909	Improvements Other than Buildings		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Operating Transfers Out								
4912	To Special Revenue Fund		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4913	To Capital Projects Fund		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4914A	To Proprietary Fund - Airport		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4914E	To Proprietary Fund - Electric		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4914S	To Proprietary Fund - Sewer		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4914W	To Proprietary Fund - Water		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4918	To Non-Expendable Trust Funds		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4919	To Agency Funds		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total Proposed Appropriations			\$4,068,424	\$3,900,057	\$4,103,063	\$0	\$4,103,063	\$0

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4917	To Health Maintenance Trust Funds		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4902	Machinery, Vehicles, and Equipment	20	\$0	\$0	\$10,000	\$0	\$10,000	\$0
4903	Buildings	Purpose: Police Truck outfitting	\$0	\$0	\$36,040	\$0	\$0	\$36,040
4909	Improvements Other than Buildings	14	\$187,000	\$154,152	\$99,315	\$0	\$0	\$99,315
4912	To Special Revenue Fund	Purpose: Edwards Mill Dam	\$0	\$0	\$7,383	\$0	\$0	\$7,383
4915	To Capital Reserve Fund	Purpose: PACT	\$0	\$0	\$800,000	\$0	\$800,000	\$0
4915	To Capital Reserve Fund	Purpose: CIP	\$0	\$0	\$327,914	\$0	\$327,914	\$0
4915	To Capital Reserve Fund	Purpose: CIP Projects	\$0	\$0	\$137,300	\$0	\$137,300	\$0
4915	To Capital Reserve Fund	Purpose: Highway CIP Capital Reserve	\$0	\$0	\$5,000	\$0	\$5,000	\$0
4916	To Expendable Trusts/Fiduciary Funds	Purpose: 300th Anniversary	\$0	\$0	\$85,000	\$0	\$85,000	\$0
Special Articles Recommended			\$187,000	\$154,152	\$1,507,952	\$0	\$1,365,214	\$142,738

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4155-4159	Personnel Administration	11	\$595,000	\$334,352	\$150,000	\$0	\$0	\$150,000
4194	General Government Buildings	Purpose: Competitive Employee Compensation	\$0	\$0	\$37,300	\$0	\$0	\$37,300
Individual Articles Recommended		Purpose: Spring Hill Farm	\$595,000	\$334,352	\$187,300	\$0	\$0	\$187,300

Account Code	Purpose of Appropriation	Warrant Article #	Actual Revenues Prior Year	Selectmen's Estimated Revenues	Budget Committee's Estimated Revenues
Taxes					
3120	Land Use Change Tax - General Fund		\$0	\$0	\$0
3180	Resident Tax		\$0	\$0	\$0
3185	Yield Tax	12	\$9,884	\$5,000	\$5,000
3186	Payment in Lieu of Taxes		\$0	\$0	\$0
3187	Excavation Tax	12	\$674	\$500	\$500
3189	Other Taxes		\$705	\$0	\$0
3190	Interest and Penalties on Delinquent Taxes	12	\$56,040	\$27,000	\$27,000
9991	Inventory Penalties	12	\$23,147	\$20,000	\$20,000
Licenses, Permits, and Fees					
3210	Business Licenses and Permits	12	\$0	\$700	\$700
3220	Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	12	\$883,293	\$900,000	\$900,000
3230	Building Permits	12	\$95,127	\$78,830	\$78,830
3290	Other Licenses, Permits, and Fees	12	\$15,077	\$11,200	\$11,200
3311-3319	From Federal Government		\$0	\$0	\$0
State Sources					
3351	Shared Revenues		\$0	\$0	\$0
3352	Meals and Rooms Tax Distribution	12	\$229,580	\$231,693	\$231,693
3353	Highway Block Grant	10	\$122,974	\$137,300	\$137,300
3354	Water Pollution Grant		\$0	\$0	\$0
3355	Housing and Community Development		\$0	\$0	\$0
3356	State and Federal Forest Land Reimbursement		\$0	\$0	\$0
3357	Flood Control Reimbursement		\$0	\$0	\$0
3359	Other (Including Railroad Tax)	12	\$204	\$100	\$100
3379	From Other Governments		\$0	\$0	\$0
Charges for Services					
3401-3406	Income from Departments	12	\$148,188	\$132,958	\$132,958
3409	Other Charges		\$0	\$0	\$0
Miscellaneous Revenues					
3501	Sale of Municipal Property		\$72,000	\$0	\$0
3502	Interest on Investments	12	\$6,686	\$6,500	\$6,500

Account Code	Purpose of Appropriation	Warrant Article #	Actual Revenues Prior Year	Selectmen's Estimated Revenues	Budget Committee's Estimated Revenues
3503-3509	Other		\$160,000	\$0	\$0
Interfund Operating Transfers In					
3912	From Special Revenue Funds	20, 15	\$10,000	\$17,383	\$17,383
3913	From Capital Projects Funds		\$0	\$0	\$0
3914A	From Enterprise Funds: Airport (Offset)		\$0	\$0	\$0
3914E	From Enterprise Funds: Electric (Offset)		\$0	\$0	\$0
3914O	From Enterprise Funds: Other (Offset)		\$0	\$0	\$0
3914S	From Enterprise Funds: Sewer (Offset)		\$0	\$0	\$0
3914W	From Enterprise Funds: Water (Offset)		\$0	\$0	\$0
3915	From Capital Reserve Funds	19, 09	\$358,000	\$363,954	\$363,954
3916	From Trust and Fiduciary Funds		\$0	\$0	\$0
3917	From Conservation Funds		\$0	\$0	\$0
Other Financing Sources					
3934	Proceeds from Long Term Bonds and Notes		\$0	\$0	\$0
9998	Amount Voted from Fund Balance		\$0	\$0	\$0
9999	Fund Balance to Reduce Taxes		\$0	\$0	\$0
Total Estimated Revenues and Credits			\$2,191,579	\$1,933,118	\$1,933,118

Item	Prior Year Adopted Budget	Selectmen's Recommended Budget	Budget Committee's Recommended Budget
Operating Budget Appropriations Recommended	\$3,893,851	\$4,103,063	\$4,103,063
Special Warrant Articles Recommended	\$684,500	\$1,507,952	\$1,365,214
Individual Warrant Articles Recommended	\$0	\$187,300	\$0
TOTAL Appropriations Recommended	\$4,578,351	\$5,798,315	\$5,468,277
Less: Amount of Estimated Revenues & Credits	\$1,809,415	\$1,933,118	\$1,933,118
Estimated Amount of Taxes to be Raised	\$2,768,936	\$3,865,197	\$3,535,159

1. Total Recommended by Budget Committee	\$5,468,277
Less Exclusions:	
2. Principal: Long-Term Bonds & Notes	4711 \$112,606 \$0
3. Interest: Long-Term Bonds & Notes	4721 \$14,503 \$0
4. Capital outlays funded from Long-Term Bonds & Notes	\$0
5. Mandatory Assessments	\$0
6. Total Exclusions (<i>Sum of Lines 2 through 5 above</i>)	\$0
7. Amount Recommended, Less Exclusions (Line 1 less Line 6)	\$5,468,277
8. 10% of Amount Recommended, Less Exclusions (<i>Line 7 x 10%</i>)	\$546,828
Collective Bargaining Cost Items:	
9. Recommended Cost Items (Prior to Meeting)	\$0
10. Voted Cost Items (Voted at Meeting)	\$0
11. Amount voted over recommended amount (<i>Difference of Lines 9 and 10</i>)	\$0
Mandatory Water & Waste Treatment Facilities (RSA 32:21):	
12. Amount Recommended (Prior to Meeting)	\$0
13. Amount Voted (Voted at Meeting)	\$0
14. Amount voted over recommended amount (<i>Difference of Lines 12 and 13</i>)	\$0
15. Bond Override (RSA 32:18-a), Amount Voted	\$0
Maximum Allowable Appropriations Voted At Meeting: (Line 1 + Line 8 + Line 11 + Line 15)	\$6,015,105

INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

To the Board of Selectmen
Town of Chester, New Hampshire

Additional Offices:
Andover, MA
Greenfield, MA
Manchester, NH
Ellsworth, ME

Report on the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, the discretely presented component unit, the major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Town of Chester, New Hampshire, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2015 (except for the discretely presented component unit, which is as of and for the year ended December 31, 2014), which collectively comprise the Town's basic financial statements as listed in the Table of Contents.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

The Town's management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America; this includes the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express opinions on these financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. Accordingly, we express no

such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinions.

Opinions

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, the discretely presented component unit, the major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Town of Chester, New Hampshire, as of June 30, 2015 (except for the discretely presented component unit, which is as of and for the year ended December 31, 2014), and the respective changes in financial position and the respective budgetary comparison for the general fund, for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Other Matters

Required Supplementary Information

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that Management's Discussion and Analysis, the Schedule of Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability, and the Schedule of Contributions be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the *Governmental Accounting Standards Board*, who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. We have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with evidence sufficient to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

Other Information

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the Town of Chester, New Hampshire's basic financial statements. The schedules of Nonmajor Governmental Funds appearing on

pages 46 through 51 are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements. The information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements or to the financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the information is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the financial statements as a whole.

Melanson Heath

October 15, 2015

MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

As management of the Town of Chester, New Hampshire, we offer readers this narrative overview and analysis of the Town's financial activities for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2015.

A. OVERVIEW OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

This discussion and analysis is intended to serve as an introduction to the basic financial statements. The basic financial statements comprise three components: (1) government-wide financial statements, (2) fund financial statements, and (3) notes to financial statements. This report also contains other supplementary information in addition to the basic financial statements themselves.

Government-wide financial statements. The government-wide financial statements are designed to provide readers with a broad overview of our finances in a manner similar to a private-sector business.

The Statement of Net Position presents information on all assets/deferred outflows of resources and liabilities/deferred inflows of resources, with the difference between the two reported as net position. Over time, increases or decreases in net position may serve as a useful indicator of whether the financial position is improving or deteriorating.

The Statement of Activities presents information showing how the Town's net position changed during the most recent fiscal year. All changes in net position are reported as soon as the underlying event giving rise to the change occurs, regardless of the timing of related cash flows. Thus, revenues and expenses are reported in this statement for some items that will only result in cash flows in future fiscal periods (e.g., uncollected taxes and earned but unused vacation leave).

The governmental activities include general government, public safety, highways and streets, sanitation, health and welfare, culture and recreation, and conservation.

The government-wide financial statements are designed to include the Town of Chester, New Hampshire (the primary government), and any legally separate entities for which it is financially accountable (component units). The Town of Chester, New Hampshire has one component unit, the Spring Hill Farm Trust. This Trust was established to administer the daily operations of the Spring Hill Farm, which was donated to the Town by Ms. Muriel Church.

Fund financial statements. A fund is a grouping of related accounts that is used to maintain control over resources that have been segregated for specific activities or objectives. Fund accounting is used to ensure and demonstrate compliance with finance-related legal requirements. All of the funds can be divided into two categories: governmental funds and fiduciary funds.

Governmental funds. Governmental funds are used to account for essentially the same functions reported as governmental activities in the government-wide financial statements. However, unlike the government-wide financial statements, governmental fund financial statements focus on near-term inflows and outflows of spendable resources, as well as on balances of spendable resources available at the end of the fiscal year. Such information may be useful in evaluating a government's near-term financing requirements.

Because the focus of governmental funds is narrower than that of the government-wide financial statements, it is useful to compare the information presented for governmental funds with similar information presented for governmental activities in the government-wide financial statements. By doing so, readers may better understand the long-term impact of the government's near-term financing decisions. Both the governmental fund balance sheet and the governmental fund statement of revenues, expenditures, and changes in fund balances provide a reconciliation to facilitate this comparison between governmental funds and governmental activities.

An annual appropriated budget is adopted for the general fund. A budgetary comparison statement has been provided for the general fund to demonstrate compliance with this budget.

Fiduciary funds. Fiduciary funds are used to account for resources held for the benefit of parties outside the government. Fiduciary funds are not reflected in the government-wide financial statements because the resources of those funds are not available to support the Town's own programs.

Notes to financial statements. The notes provide additional information that is essential to a full understanding of the data provided in the government-wide and fund financial statements.

Other information. In addition to the basic financial statements and accompanying notes, this report also presents certain required supplementary information which is required to be disclosed by accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

B. FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

- As of the close of the current fiscal year, the total of assets exceeded liabilities by \$16,252,127 (i.e., net position), a change of \$958,725 in comparison to the prior year.
- As of the close of the current fiscal year, governmental funds reported combined ending fund balances of \$4,192,605, a change of \$510,784 in comparison to the prior year.
- At the end of the current fiscal year, unassigned fund balance for the general fund was \$1,656,776, a change of \$227,334 in comparison to the prior year.

- Total long-term debt (i.e., bonds payable and capital leases) at the close of the current fiscal year was \$586,420, a change of \$(227,985) in comparison to the prior year.

C. GOVERNMENT-WIDE FINANCIAL ANALYSIS

The following is a summary of condensed government-wide financial data for the current and prior fiscal years.

<u>NET POSITION</u>		
	<u>Governmental Activities</u>	
	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>
Current and other assets	\$ 8,073,416	\$ 8,734,962
Capital assets	14,190,411	14,187,615
Deferred outflows of resources	192,098	-
Total assets	22,455,925	22,922,577
Current liabilities	358,093	652,562
Noncurrent liabilities	2,244,232	552,785
Deferred inflows of resources	3,601,473	4,656,007
Total liabilities and deferred inflows	6,203,798	5,861,354
Net position:		
Net investment in capital assets	13,603,991	13,373,210
Restricted	1,738,292	1,484,259
Unrestricted	909,844	2,203,754
Total net position	\$ 16,252,127	\$ 17,061,223

<u>CHANGES IN NET POSITION</u>		
	<u>Governmental Activities</u>	
	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>
Revenues:		
Program revenues:		
Charges for services	\$ 270,952	\$ 234,588
Operating grants and contributions	35,317	125,267
Capital grants and contributions	345,307	184,175
General revenues:		
Property taxes	3,097,895	3,260,334
Interest, penalties and other taxes	93,524	92,550
Motor vehicle registration fees	935,398	883,293
Grants and contributions not restricted to specific programs	229,784	213,283
Investment income	6,686	411
Capital contributions	138,414	47,475
Other	296,833	96,959
Total revenues	5,450,110	5,138,335

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	Governmental Activities	
	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>
Expenses:		
General government	1,650,412	1,531,040
Public safety	1,021,948	1,024,313
Highways and streets	1,261,676	1,240,030
Sanitation	172,591	171,770
Health and welfare	39,997	44,773
Culture and recreation	301,671	333,695
Conservation	20,265	16,467
Interest	22,825	34,747
Total expenses	<u>4,491,385</u>	<u>4,396,835</u>
Change in net position	958,725	741,500
¹ Net position - beginning of year, as restated	<u>15,293,402</u>	¹ <u>16,319,723</u>
Net position - end of year	<u>\$ 16,252,127</u>	<u>\$ 17,061,223</u>

¹ Restated from the prior year as described in Note 22.

As noted earlier, net position may serve over time as a useful indicator of a government's financial position. At the close of the most recent fiscal year, total net position was \$16,252,127, a change of \$958,725 from the prior year.

The largest portion of net position \$13,603,991 reflects our investment in capital assets (e.g., land, buildings, improvements, machinery, equipment, vehicles and infrastructure), less any related debt used to acquire those assets that is still outstanding. These capital assets are used to provide services to citizens; consequently, these assets are not available for future spending. Although the investment in capital assets is reported net of related debt, it should be noted that the resources needed to repay this debt must be provided from other sources, since the capital assets themselves cannot be used to liquidate these liabilities.

An additional portion of net position, \$1,738,292 represents resources that are subject to external restrictions on how they may be used. The remaining balance of unrestricted net position \$909,844 may be used to meet the Town's ongoing obligations to citizens and creditors.

Governmental activities. Governmental activities for the year resulted in a change in net position of \$958,725. Key elements of this change are as follows:

General fund operations, as discussed further in Section D	\$ 260,861
Nonmajor funds change in fund balance	249,923
Depreciation expense in excess of principal debt service	(351,321)
Capital asset additions funded by operating funds, capital lease proceeds, capital contributions, and reserve funds	758,743
Other	<u>40,519</u>
Total	<u><u>\$ 958,725</u></u>

D. FINANCIAL ANALYSIS OF THE GOVERNMENT'S FUNDS

As noted earlier, fund accounting is used to ensure and demonstrate compliance with finance-related legal requirements.

Governmental funds. The focus of governmental funds is to provide information on near-term inflows, outflows, and balances of spendable resources. Such information is useful in assessing financing requirements. In particular, unassigned fund balance may serve as a useful measure of a government's net resources available for spending at the end of the fiscal year.

As of the end of the current fiscal year, governmental funds reported combined ending fund balances of \$4,192,605, a change of \$510,784 in comparison to the prior year. Key elements of this change are as follows:

General fund change in fund balance (explained in more detail below)	\$ 260,861
Special revenue funds revenues over expenditures	267,871
Trust fund expenditures over revenues	<u>(17,948)</u>
Total	<u><u>\$ 510,784</u></u>

The general fund is the chief operating fund. At the end of the current fiscal year, unassigned fund balance of the general fund was \$1,656,776, while total fund balance was \$2,463,294. As a measure of the general fund's liquidity, it may be useful to compare both unassigned fund balance and total fund balance to total general fund expenditures. Refer to the table below.

<u>General Fund</u>	<u>6/30/15</u>	<u>6/30/14</u>	<u>Change</u>	% of <u>Total General Fund Expenditures</u>
Unassigned fund balance	\$ 1,656,776	\$ 1,429,442	\$ 227,334	36.4%
Total fund balance	\$ 2,463,294	\$ 2,202,433	\$ 260,861	54.1%

The total fund balance of the general fund changed by \$260,861 during the current fiscal year. Key factors in this change are as follows:

Revenues in excess of budget	\$ 392,208
Expenditures less than budget	130,090
Excess of current year encumbrances over prior year	150,676
Change in capital reserves	(309,356)
Other	<u>(102,757)</u>
Total	<u>\$ 260,861</u>

Included in the total general fund balance are the Town's various capital reserve accounts with the following balances:

	<u>6/30/15</u>	<u>6/30/14</u>	<u>Change</u>
Capital reserve funds	\$ 232,317	\$ 541,673	\$ (309,356)

E. GENERAL FUND BUDGETARY HIGHLIGHTS

There were no differences between the total original budget and final amended budget, other than reclassifications between various expenditure functions.

F. CAPITAL ASSET AND DEBT ADMINISTRATION

Capital assets. Total investment in capital assets for governmental activities at year-end amounted to \$14,190,411 (net of accumulated depreciation), a change of \$2,796 from the prior year. This investment in capital assets includes land, buildings and building improvements, land improvements, machinery, equipment and vehicles, and infrastructure.

Major capital asset events during the fiscal year included the following:

- \$115,614 for various land donations.
- \$124,358 of construction in progress for land improvements and bay construction at the highway salt sheds.
- \$77,488 for various building improvements, including the transfer station dumpster roof and fire station fuel shed and parking bay.
- \$218,641 for a new police cruiser and highway plow truck.
- \$222,642 for the various infrastructure improvements, including the reclamation and paving of Great Oak Drive and Old Sandown Road and the restoration of Edwards Mill Dam (Phase I).
- \$(755,947) of current year depreciation expense.

Additional information on capital assets can be found in the Notes to Financial Statements.

Long-term debt. At the end of the current fiscal year, total bonded debt outstanding was \$125,000, all of which was backed by the full faith and credit of the government.

At the end of the current fiscal year, total capital lease debt outstanding was \$461,420. All capital lease agreements include a non-appropriation clause.

Additional information on long-term debt can be found in the Notes to Financial Statements.

REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION

This financial report is designed to provide a general overview of the Town of Chester, New Hampshire's finances for all those with an interest in the Town's finances. Questions concerning any of the information provided in this report or requests for additional financial information should be addressed to:

Finance Office
Town of Chester, New Hampshire
84 Chester Street
Chester, NH 03036

TOWN OF CHESTER, NEW HAMPSHIRE

STATEMENT OF NET POSITION

JUNE 30, 2015

(December 31, 2014 for the Component Unit)

	Governmental Activities	Component Unit
ASSETS		
Current:		
Cash and short-term investments	\$ 6,321,950	\$ 24,234
Investments	1,397,042	-
Receivables, net of allowance for uncollectibles:		
Property taxes	74,157	-
Other	11,434	-
Other assets	15,892	318
Noncurrent:		
Receivables, net of allowance for uncollectibles:		
Property taxes	252,941	-
Capital assets:		
Land and construction in progress	5,147,654	-
Other capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation	9,042,757	32,156
DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES	<u>192,098</u>	<u>-</u>
TOTAL ASSETS AND DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES	22,455,925	56,708
LIABILITIES		
Current:		
Accounts payable	127,264	-
Accrued liabilities	59,279	-
Other liabilities	8,952	-
Current portion of long-term liabilities:		
Capital leases	100,884	-
Bonds payable	50,000	-
Compensated absences	2,914	-
Landfill post-closure	8,800	-
Noncurrent:		
Capital leases, net of current portion	360,536	-
Bonds payable, net of current portion	75,000	-
Landfill post-closure, net of current portion	96,800	-
Net pension liability	1,711,896	-
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES	<u>3,601,473</u>	<u>-</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES	6,203,798	-
NET POSITION		
Net investment in capital assets	13,603,991	32,156
Restricted for:		
Grants and other statutory restrictions	822,289	-
Permanent funds:		
Nonexpendable	852,464	-
Expendable	63,539	-
Unrestricted	<u>909,844</u>	<u>24,552</u>
TOTAL NET POSITION	<u>\$ 16,252,127</u>	<u>\$ 56,708</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

TOWN OF CHESTER, NEW HAMPSHIRE

STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2015

(Year Ended December 31, 2014 for the Component Unit)

	Expenses	Program Revenues			Net (Expenses) Revenues and Changes in Net Position	
		Charges for Services	Operating Grants and Contributions	Capital Grants and Contributions	Governmental Activities	Component Unit
Governmental Activities:						
General government	\$ 1,650,412	\$ 28,467	\$ 12,753	\$ 5,012	\$ (1,604,180)	\$ -
Public safety	1,021,948	159,357	12,578	105	(849,908)	-
Highways and streets	1,261,676	-	46	140,377	(1,121,253)	-
Sanitation	172,591	18,290	-	-	(154,301)	-
Health and welfare	39,997	-	(11,077)	-	(51,074)	-
Culture and recreation	301,671	64,838	20,531	4,318	(211,984)	-
Conservation	20,265	-	486	195,495	175,716	-
Interest	22,825	-	-	-	(22,825)	-
Total Governmental Activities	<u>\$ 4,491,385</u>	<u>\$ 270,952</u>	<u>\$ 35,317</u>	<u>\$ 345,307</u>	(3,839,809)	-
Component Unit:						
Spring Hill Farm	<u>\$ 15,274</u>	<u>\$ 3,700</u>	<u>\$ 496</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	-	(11,078)
General Revenues:						
					3,097,895	-
Property taxes					93,524	-
Interest, penalties and other taxes					935,398	-
Motor vehicle registration fees					229,784	-
Grants and contributions not restricted to specific programs					6,686	6
Investment income					138,414	-
Capital contributions					296,833	-
Other					<u>4,798,534</u>	<u>6</u>
Total general revenues					958,725	(11,072)
Change in Net Position						
Net Position:						
Beginning of year, as restated					15,293,402	67,780
End of year					<u>\$ 16,252,127</u>	<u>\$ 56,708</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

TOWN OF CHESTER, NEW HAMPSHIRE

GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS

BALANCE SHEET

JUNE 30, 2015

	General Fund	Nonmajor Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
ASSETS			
Cash and short-term investments	\$ 5,622,549	\$ 699,401	\$ 6,321,950
Investments	474,337	922,705	1,397,042
Receivables:			
Taxes	327,098	-	327,098
Other	7,529	3,905	11,434
Due from other funds	19,729	127,664	147,393
Prepaid expenditures	4,810	-	4,810
Other assets	11,082	-	11,082
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 6,467,134	\$ 1,753,675	\$ 8,220,809
LIABILITIES			
Accounts payable	\$ 122,629	\$ 4,635	\$ 127,264
Accrued liabilities	45,909	-	45,909
Due to other funds	127,664	19,729	147,393
Other liabilities	8,952	-	8,952
TOTAL LIABILITIES	305,154	24,364	329,518
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES	3,698,686	-	3,698,686
FUND BALANCES			
Nonspendable	4,810	852,464	857,274
Restricted	-	885,828	885,828
Committed	515,185	-	515,185
Assigned	286,523	-	286,523
Unassigned	1,656,776	(8,981)	1,647,795
TOTAL FUND BALANCES	2,463,294	1,729,311	4,192,605
TOTAL LIABILITIES, DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES AND FUND BALANCES	\$ 6,467,134	\$ 1,753,675	\$ 8,220,809

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

TOWN OF CHESTER, NEW HAMPSHIRE

RECONCILIATION OF TOTAL GOVERNMENTAL FUND
BALANCES TO NET POSITION OF GOVERNMENTAL
ACTIVITIES IN THE STATEMENT OF NET POSITION

JUNE 30, 2015

Total governmental fund balances	\$ 4,192,605
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Capital assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources and, therefore, are not reported in the funds.	14,190,411
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Revenues are reported on the accrual basis of accounting and are not deferred until collection.	316,251
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• In the statement of activities, interest is accrued on outstanding long-term debt, whereas in governmental funds interest is not reported until due.	(13,370)
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Long-term liabilities, including bonds payable, capital leases payable, compensated absences, landfill liability, and net pension liability are not payable in the current period; therefore, they are not reported in the governmental funds.	(2,406,830)
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Certain changes in the net pension liability, which are deferred to future reporting periods, are not reported in the governmental funds.	<u>(26,940)</u>
Net position of governmental activities	\$ <u>16,252,127</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

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GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS

STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2015

	General <u>Fund</u>	Nonmajor Governmental <u>Funds</u>	Total Governmental <u>Funds</u>
Revenues:			
Property taxes	\$ 2,958,095	\$ -	\$ 2,958,095
Interest, penalties and other taxes	165,524	195,495	361,019
Licenses, permits and fees	1,043,003	37,031	1,080,034
Intergovernmental	353,204	11,825	365,029
Charges for services	72,838	130,327	203,165
Investment income	13,330	6,545	19,875
Other revenues	172,525	12,155	184,680
Total Revenues	4,778,519	393,378	5,171,897
Expenditures:			
General government	1,603,695	11,936	1,615,631
Public safety	870,574	62,995	933,569
Highways and streets	754,094	-	754,094
Sanitation	170,738	-	170,738
Health and welfare	37,245	2,752	39,997
Culture and recreation	81,274	201,972	283,246
Conservation	1,526	5,780	7,306
Debt service	431,311	-	431,311
Capital outlay	601,862	-	601,862
Total Expenditures	4,552,319	285,435	4,837,754
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenditures	226,200	107,943	334,143
Other Financing Sources (Uses):			
Capital lease issuance	176,641	-	176,641
Transfers in	18,000	159,980	177,980
Transfers out	(159,980)	(18,000)	(177,980)
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	34,661	141,980	176,641
Change in fund balance	260,861	249,923	510,784
Fund Equity, at Beginning of Year	2,202,433	1,479,388	3,681,821
Fund Equity, at End of Year	\$ 2,463,294	\$ 1,729,311	\$ 4,192,605

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RECONCILIATION OF THE STATEMENT OF REVENUES
EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES OF
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS TO THE STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2015

Net changes in fund balances - total governmental funds \$ 510,784

- Governmental funds report capital outlays as expenditures. However, in the Statement of Activities the cost of those assets is allocated over their estimated useful lives and reported as depreciation expense:

Capital outlay purchases, net	758,743
Depreciation	(755,947)

- Revenues in the Statement of Activities that do not provide current financial resources are fully deferred in the Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances. Therefore, the recognition of revenue for various types of accounts receivable (i.e., property taxes) differ between the two statements. This amount represents the net change in unavailable revenue.

139,799

- The issuance of long-term debt (e.g., bonds and capital leases) provides current financial resources to governmental funds, while the repayment of the principal of long-term debt consumes the financial resources of governmental funds. Neither transaction, however, has any effect on net position:

Issuance of debt (capital leases)	(176,641)
Repayments of debt (bonds and capital leases)	404,626

- In the statement of activities, interest is accrued on outstanding long-term debt, whereas in governmental funds interest is not reported until due.

3,860

- Some expenses reported in the Statement of Activities, such as compensated absences, landfill post-closure costs, and deferred pension costs, do not require the use of current financial resources; therefore, they are not reported as expenditures in the governmental funds.

73,501

Change in net position of governmental activities \$ 958,725

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GENERAL FUND

STATEMENT OF REVENUES AND OTHER SOURCES, AND EXPENDITURES AND OTHER USES - BUDGET AND ACTUAL

FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2015

	Budgeted Amounts			Variance with Final Budget Positive (Negative)
	Original Budget	Final Budget	Actual Amounts	
Revenues and Other Sources:				
Property taxes	\$ 3,064,631	\$ 3,064,631	\$ 3,064,631	\$ -
Interest, penalties and other taxes	49,500	49,500	161,745	112,245
Licenses, permits and fees	932,150	932,150	1,043,003	110,853
Intergovernmental	351,528	351,528	353,204	1,676
Charges for services	80,465	80,465	72,838	(7,627)
Investment income	250	250	6,686	6,436
Other revenues	3,900	3,900	172,525	168,625
Transfers in	368,000	368,000	368,000	-
Total Revenues and Other Sources	4,850,424	4,850,424	5,242,632	392,208
Expenditures and Other Uses:				
General government	1,629,253	1,659,595	1,589,241	70,354
Public safety	907,296	915,504	867,173	48,331
Highways and streets	683,601	684,069	697,882	(13,813)
Sanitation	165,216	167,454	170,738	(3,284)
Health and welfare	52,012	52,012	37,245	14,767
Culture and recreation	242,929	251,673	239,974	11,699
Conservation	2,205	2,205	1,557	648
Debt service	393,912	393,912	393,905	7
Capital outlay	655,000	605,000	602,824	2,176
Transfers out	119,000	119,000	119,795	(795)
Total Expenditures and Other Uses	4,850,424	4,850,424	4,720,334	130,090
Excess (deficiency) of revenues and other sources over expenditures and other uses	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 522,298	\$ 522,298

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TOWN OF CHESTER, NEW HAMPSHIRE
FIDUCIARY FUNDS
STATEMENT OF FIDUCIARY NET POSITION
JUNE 30, 2015

	Agency Funds
<u>ASSETS</u>	
Cash and short-term investments	\$ 10,971
Investments	<u>433,683</u>
Total Assets	<u><u>444,654</u></u>
<u>LIABILITIES</u>	
Accounts payable	6,310
Road bonds	3,424
School funds	<u>434,920</u>
Total Liabilities	<u><u>\$ 444,654</u></u>

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PREPARER'S CERTIFICATION

Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have examined the information contained in this form and to the best of my belief it is true, correct and complete.

Preparer's First Name

Karen

Preparer's Last Name

Snow

Karen Snow, Audit Manager

Preparer's Signature and Title

Sep 30, 2015

Date

☒ Audited ☐ Unaudited

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MUNICIPAL AND PROPERTY DIVISION
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Governing Body Certification

This is to certify that the information contained in this form was taken from official records and is complete to the best of our knowledge and belief. Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have examined the information contained in this form and to the best of my belief it is true, correct and complete.

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EXPENDITURES

Account #	Purpose of Appropriations (RSA 32:3, V)	Voted Appropriations	Other Authorizations	Actual Expenditures
4130 - 4139	Executive	\$142,110	(\$24,901)	\$87,328
		Explanation for Authorizations	Transfers/Reclassifications	
4140 - 4149	Election, Reg & Vital Statistics	\$64,775	\$1,252	\$56,887
		Explanation for Authorizations	Transfers/Reclassifications	
4150 - 4151	Financial Administration	\$130,943	\$111,514	\$223,398
		Explanation for Authorizations	Transfers/Reclassifications	
4152	Property Assessment	\$66,176	\$1,386	\$66,695
		Explanation for Authorizations	Transfers/Reclassifications	
4153	Legal Expense	\$75,000		\$99,504
4155 - 4159	Personnel Administration	\$573,386	\$4,061	\$538,000
		Explanation for Authorizations	Transfers/Reclassifications	
4191 - 4193	Planning & Zoning	\$64,603	\$51,704	\$85,264
		Explanation for Authorizations	Transfers/Reclassifications	
4194	General Government Buildings	\$269,306	\$51,862	\$309,657
		Explanation for Authorizations	Non-Lapsing Appropriations	
4195	Cemeteries	\$30,229	\$143	\$31,451
		Explanation for Authorizations	Transfers/Reclassifications	
4196	Insurance	\$88,422		\$98,566
4197	Advertising & Regional Association	\$7,288		\$6,945
4199	Other General Government Expense	\$117,015	(\$117,015)	
		Explanation for Authorizations	Transfers/Reclassifications	
		\$1,629,253	\$80,006	\$1,603,695



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Account #	Purpose of Appropriations (RSA 32:3, V)	Voted Appropriations	Other Authorizations	Actual Expenditures
4210 - 4214	Police	\$482,260	\$6,059	\$439,253
Explanation for Authorizations:		Non-Lapsing Appropriations		
4215 - 4219	Ambulance	\$95,416	(\$1,500)	\$92,315
Explanation for Authorizations		Transfers/Reclassifications		
4220 - 4229	Fire	\$266,667	\$4,073	\$281,257
Explanation for Authorizations		Transfers/Reclassifications		
4240 - 4249	Building Inspection	\$53,452	\$1,476	\$50,345
Explanation for Authorizations		Transfers/Reclassifications		
4290 - 4298	Emergency Management	\$9,501		\$6,981
4299	Other (Including Communications)		\$1,500	\$422
Explanation for Authorizations		Transfers/Reclassifications		
		\$907,296	\$11,608	\$870,573

Account #	Purpose of Appropriations (RSA 32:3, V)	Voted Appropriations	Other Authorizations	Actual Expenditures
4301 - 4309				

Account #	Purpose of Appropriations (RSA 32:3, V)	Voted Appropriations	Other Authorizations	Actual Expenditures
4311	Administration			
4312	Highway & Streets	\$679,101	\$468	\$664,709
Explanation for Authorizations		Transfers/Reclassifications		
4313	Bridges			



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4310	Street Lighting	\$4,500		\$4,385
4319	Other			
		\$683,601	\$468	\$669,094

Account #	Purpose of Appropriations (RSA 32:3, V)	Voted Appropriations	Other Authorizations	Actual Expenditures
4321	Administration			
4323	Solid Waste Collection	\$165,216	(\$10,762)	\$161,454
		Explanation for Authorizations: Transfers/Reclassifications		
4324	Solid Waste Disposal			
4325	Solid Waste Facility Clean-up		\$13,000	\$9,284
		Explanation for Authorizations: Transfers/Reclassifications		
4326 - 4329	Sewage Collection, Disposal, and Other			
		\$165,216	\$2,238	\$170,738

Account #	Purpose of Appropriations (RSA 32:3, V)	Voted Appropriations	Other Authorizations	Actual Expenditures
4331	Administration			
4332	Water Services			
4335	Water Treatment			
4338-4339	Water Conservation & Other			

Account #	Purpose of Appropriations (RSA 32:3, V)	Voted Appropriations	Other Authorizations	Actual Expenditures
4351 - 4352	Administration & Generation			
4353	Purchase Costs			



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4354 Electric Equipment Maintenance

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4359 Other Electric Costs

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Account #	Purpose of Appropriations (RSA 32:3, V)	Voted Appropriations	Other Authorizations	Actual Expenditures
4411	Administration			
4414	Pest Control	\$1,000		\$191
4415 - 4419	Health Agencies & Hospital & Other		\$26,600	\$26,600
		Explanation for Authorizations	Transfers/Reclassifications	
		\$1,000	\$26,600	\$26,791

Account #	Purpose of Appropriations (RSA 32:3, V)	Voted Appropriations	Other Authorizations	Actual Expenditures
4441 - 4442	Administration & Direct Assistance	\$20,050		\$6,092
4444	Intergovernmental Welfare Payments	\$4,362		\$4,362
4445 - 4449	Vendor Payments & Other	\$26,600	(\$26,600)	
		Explanation for Authorizations	Transfers/Reclassifications	
		\$51,012	(\$26,600)	\$10,454

Account #	Purpose of Appropriations (RSA 32:3, V)	Voted Appropriations	Other Authorizations	Actual Expenditures
4520 - 4529	Parks & Recreation	\$52,290	\$744	\$48,606
		Explanation for Authorizations	Transfers/Reclassifications	
4550 - 4559	Library	\$158,700		\$158,700
4583	Patriotic Purposes	\$8,500		\$7,000



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4589 Other Culture & Recreation

\$23,439

\$8,000

\$25,668

Explanation for Authorizations

Transfers/Reclassifications

\$242,929

\$8,744

\$239,974

Account #	Purpose of Appropriations (RSA 32:3, V)	Voted Appropriations	Other Authorizations	Actual Expenditures
4611 - 4612	Admin & Purchase of Natural Resources	\$1,155		\$1,155
4619	Other Conservation	\$1,050	\$454	\$856
		Explanation for Authorizations: Non-Lapsing Appropriations		
4631 - 4632	Redevelopment and Housing			
4651 - 4659	Economic Development			
		\$2,205	\$454	\$2,011

Account #	Purpose of Appropriations (RSA 32:3, V)	Voted Appropriations	Other Authorizations	Actual Expenditures
4711	Principal - Long Term Bonds & Notes	\$367,222		\$367,219
4721	Interest - Long Term Bonds & Notes	\$26,690		\$26,687
4723	Interest on Tax Anticipation Notes			
4790 - 4799	Other Debt Service			
		\$393,912		\$393,906

Account #	Purpose of Appropriations (RSA 32:3, V)	Voted Appropriations	Other Authorizations	Actual Expenditures
4901	Land	\$350,000	(\$350,000)	
		Explanation for Authorizations: Transfers/Reclassifications		
4902	Machinery, Vehicles, & Equipment	\$90,000		\$81,363
4903	Buildings	\$100,000	\$31,000	\$109,828
		Explanation for Authorizations: Non-Lapsing Appropriations		



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4909 Improvements Other Than Buildings

\$115,000

\$398,087

\$271,436

Explanation for Authorizations:

Non-Lapsing Appropriations

\$655,000

\$79,087

\$462,627

Purpose of Appropriations
(RSA 32:3, V)

Voted Appropriations

Other Authorizations

Actual Expenditures

4912 To Special Revenue Fund

\$795

\$795

Explanation for Authorizations:

Unanticipated Revenue

4913 To Capital Projects Fund

4914 To Enterprise Fund

Sewer

Water

Electric

Airport

Other

4915 To Capital Reserve Fund

\$34,000

\$34,000

4916 To Expendable Trust Fund - Not #4917

\$85,000

\$85,000

4917 Health Maintenance Trust Funds

4918 To Nonexpendable Trust Funds

4919 To Fiduciary Funds

\$119,000

\$795

\$119,795

Purpose of Appropriations
(RSA 32:3, V)

Other Authorizations

Actual Expenditures

4931 Taxes Assessed for Count

\$516,774

\$516,774

4932 Taxes Assessed For Village District

4933 Taxes Assessed for Local Education

\$7,378,651

\$7,378,651



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4934 Taxes Assessed for State Education

\$1,084,371

\$1,084,371

4939 Payments to Other Governments

\$8,979,796

\$8,979,796

Less Proprietary Funds, Special Revenue Funds,
or Capital Projects Funds

TOTAL GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES

\$13,830,220

\$183,400

\$13,549,454



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REVENUES

Account #	Source of Revenues	Estimated Revenues to Set Tax Rate	Unanticipated Revenues	Actual Revenues
3110	Property Taxes	\$12,044,427		\$12,081,470
3120	Land Use Change Taxes - General Fund			
3121	Land Use Change Taxes - Conservation Fund			
3180	Resident Taxes			
3185	Yield Taxes	\$5,000		\$9,884
3186	Payment in Lieu of Taxes			
3187	Excavation Tax (\$0.02 cents per cubic yard)	\$500		\$674
3189	Other Taxes	\$700	(\$700)	
		Explanation of Unanticipated Revenues	Transfers/Reclassifications	
3190	Interest & Penalties on Delinquent Taxes	\$44,000		\$151,187
	Inventory Penalties			
		\$12,094,627	(\$700)	\$12,243,215

Account #	Source of Revenues	Estimated Revenues to Set Tax Rate	Unanticipated Revenues	Actual Revenues
3210	Business Licenses & Permits	\$3,300	(\$2,600)	\$705
		Explanation of Unanticipated Revenues	Transfers/Reclassifications	
3220	Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	\$850,000		\$935,398
3230	Building Permits	\$78,150	(\$6,000)	\$85,861
		Explanation of Unanticipated Revenues	Transfers/Reclassifications	
3290	Other Licenses, Permits, & Fees	\$3,300	\$6,000	\$21,039
		Explanation of Unanticipated Revenues	Transfers/Reclassifications	
		\$934,750	(\$2,600)	\$1,043,003



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Account #	Source of Revenues	Estimated Revenues to Set Tax Rate	Unanticipated Revenues	Actual Revenues
3311 - 3319	From Federal Government			

Account #	Source of Revenues	Estimated Revenues to Set Tax Rate	Unanticipated Revenues	Actual Revenues
3351	Shared Revenues			
3352	Meals & Rooms Tax Distribution	\$229,580		\$229,580
3353	Highway Block Grant	\$121,848		\$122,974
3354	Water Pollution Grant			
3355	Housing & Community Development			
3356	State & Federal Forest Land Reimbursement			
3357	Flood Control Reimbursement			
3359	Other (Including Railroad Tax)		\$100	\$204
		Explanation of Unanticipated Revenues	Transfers/Reclassifications	
3379	From Other Governments			\$446
		\$351,428	\$100	\$353,204

Account #	Source of Revenues	Estimated Revenues to Set Tax Rate	Unanticipated Revenues	Actual Revenues
3401 - 3406	Income from Departments		\$38,785	\$31,871
		Explanation of Unanticipated Revenues	Transfers/Reclassifications	
3409	Other Charges	\$81,165	(\$39,485)	\$40,966
		Explanation of Unanticipated Revenues	Transfers/Reclassifications	
		\$81,165	(\$700)	\$72,837



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Account #	Source of Revenues	Estimated Revenues to Set Tax Rate	Unanticipated Revenues	Actual Revenues
3501	Sale of Municipal Property			
3502	Interest on Investments	\$250		\$6,686
3503 - 3509	Other		\$3,900	\$172,526
Explanation of Unanticipated Revenues			Transfers/Reclassifications	
		\$250	\$3,900	\$179,212

Account #	Source of Revenues	Estimated Revenues to Set Tax Rate	Unanticipated Revenues	Actual Revenues
3912	From Special Revenue Funds	\$18,000		\$18,000
3913	From Capital Projects Funds			
3914	From Enterprise Funds			
	Sewer - (Offset)			
	Water - (Offset)			
	Electric - (Offset)			
	Airport - (Offset)			
	Other - (Offset)			
3915	From Capital Reserve Funds	\$350,000		\$350,000
3916	From Trust & Fiduciary Funds			
3917	ation Fund			
		\$368,000		\$368,000

Account #	Revenues	Estimated Revenues to Set Tax Rate	Unanticipated Revenues	Actual Revenues
3934	Proceeds from Long Term Bonds & Notes			



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NOTE: NH law requires all municipalities to gross appropriate. Full disclosure of those appropriations and offsetting revenues are required on this report. Those revenues accounted for in proprietary or other funds are subtracted from this report for the purposes of general fund balance sheet disclosure. See the municipality's audited financials for more information on proprietary funds, special revenue funds, or capital project funds. Also, see the supplemental schedule.

Less Propriety Funds, Spec. Rev. Funds, or Capital Project Funds

TOTAL GENERAL FUND REVENUE

\$13,830,220

\$14,259,471



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Taxes/Liens Receivable Worksheet

Uncollected at End of Year	\$2,488	\$324,610	\$327,098
"Overlay" carried forward as "Allowance for Abatements"			
Receivable at End of year (to Balance Sheet accounts 1080, 1100)	\$2,488	\$324,610	\$327,098

Reconciliation of Regional School District Liability

Regional School District Liability at Beginning of Year (To Balance Sheet Account 2075, Beginning of Year)	
ADD: Regional School District Assessment for Current Year	\$8,463,022
Total Liability Within Current Year (Sum of Lines 1 and 2)	\$8,463,022
SUBTRACT: Payments made to Regional School District	\$8,463,022
Due to School District End of Year (To Balance Sheet Account 2075, End of Year)	

Reconciliation of Tax Anticipation Notes

Short-Term (TANS) Debt at Beginning of Year (To Balance Sheet Account 2230, Beginning of Year)	
New Issues During Current Year	
Issues Retired During Current Year	
Short-Term (TANS) Debt Outstanding at End of Year (To Balance Sheet Account 2230, End of Year)	



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BALANCE SHEET

1010	Cash and Equivalents	\$6,415,900	\$5,620,855
1030	Investments		
1080	Tax Receivable	\$5,898	\$2,488
1110	Tax Liens Receivable	\$177,733	\$324,610
1150	Accounts Receivable	\$6,265	\$1,979
1260	Due from Other Governments	\$29,754	\$5,550
1310	Due from Other Funds	\$13,474	\$263,443
1400	Other Current Assets	\$69,339	\$15,892
1670	Tax Deeded Property (Subject to Resale)		

TOTAL ASSETS

\$6,718,363

\$6,234,817

2020	Warrants and Accounts Payable	\$215,209	\$168,538
2030	Compensated Absences Payable		
2050	Contracts Payable		
2070	Due to Other Governments		
2075	Due to School Districts		
2080	Due to Other Funds	\$8,186	\$127,664
2220	Deferred Revenue	\$4,656,007	\$3,382,435
2230	Notes Payable - Current		
2270	Other Payable	\$1,750	\$8,952

TOTAL LIABILITIES

\$4,881,152

\$3,687,589



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2440	Non-spendable Fund Balance	\$46,807	\$4,810
2450	Restricted Fund Balance	\$795	
2460	Committed Fund Balance	\$1,110	\$282,868
2490	Assigned Fund Balance	\$182,605	\$286,523
2530	Unassigned Fund Balance	\$1,605,894	\$1,973,027
TOTAL FUND EQUITY		\$1,837,211	\$2,547,228

TOTAL LIABILITIES and FUND EQUITY

\$6,718,363 **\$6,234,817**

NOTE: NH law requires all municipalities to gross appropriate, but this balance sheet only reflects the general fund. See the municipality's audited financials for more information on proprietary funds, special revenue funds, or capital project funds.

General Fund Balance Sheet Reconciliation

Total Revenues	\$14,259,471
Total Expenditures	\$13,549,454
Change (Increase or Decrease)	\$710,017
Ending Fund Equity from Balance Sheet	\$2,547,228
Less Beginning Fund Equity from Balance Sheet	\$1,837,211
Change (Increase or Decrease)	\$710,017



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AMORTIZATION OF LONG-TERM DEBT (including Proprietary and Capital Project Funds)

Description	Original Obligation	Purpose	Annual Installment	Interest Rate (%) or Range (% - %)	Year of Final Payment (YYYY)	Bonds o/s at Beginning of Year	Bonds Issued this Year	Bonds Retired this Year	Bonds o/s at End of year
Bonds	\$499,000	Fire Station	\$25,000	4.83	2018	\$125,000		\$25,000	\$100,000
Bonds	\$2,100,000	Roads	\$210,000	3.12	2014	\$210,000		\$210,000	-
Bonds	\$1135,000	Wason Pond Dam	\$25,000	2.26	2016	\$50,000		\$25,000	\$25,000
Capital Lease	\$189,990	Rescue Truck	\$42,089	3.33	2014	\$42,089		\$42,089	-
Capital Lease	\$450,000	Fire Truck	\$41,438	3.3	2020	\$320,438		\$41,438	\$279,000
Capital Lease	\$75,425	Dump Truck	\$15,039	5.7	2015	\$30,934		\$15,039	\$15,895
Capital Lease	\$45,500	Skid Steer	\$8,654	1.25	2017	\$35,944		\$8,654	\$27,290
Capital Lease	\$176,641	Highway Truck	\$37,406	2.94	2019		\$176,641	\$37,406	\$139,235
Add Line									
Total	\$3,671,556					\$814,405	\$176,641	\$404,626	\$586,420

REPORT OF TRUST AND CAPITAL RESERVE FUNDS

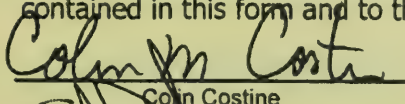
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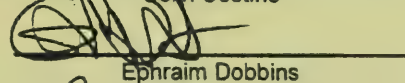
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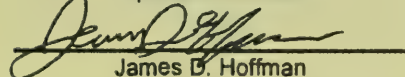
Town/City Of: ChesterFor Year Ended: 2015CONTACT PERSON: Colin CostinePHONE: 603-300-8171EMAIL: summitsp@hotmail.com

CERTIFICATE

Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have examined the information contained in this form and to the best of my belief it is true, correct and complete.


Colin Costine


Ephraim Dobbins


James B. Hoffman

Signed by the Trustees of Trust Funds

Print and sign in Ink

on this date 7/20/15

REMINDERS FOR TRUSTEES

1. SIGNATURES - Print and sign on lines provided above.

2. INVESTMENT POLICY - RSA 31:25 requires the trustees to adopt an investment policy and review and confirm this policy at least annually. A copy of this policy must be filed with the Director of Charitable Trusts (RSA 31:25, 34:5, 35:9).

3. PROFESSIONAL BANKING AND BROKERAGE ASSISTANCE - RSA 31:38-a enables you to have a professional banking or brokerage firm assist you in performing your trustee duties. Refer to the law for further information. Attributable expenses may be charged against the trust fund involved, however, please be advised the fees can be taken from income only and not from principal.

4. WEBSITE - A trustee handbook can be downloaded from the website for the Attorney General's Charitable Trust Division. www.doj.nh.gov/charitable

5. FAIR VALUE - Fold and complete page 4 to disclose the fair value (market value) of principal only. This information may be obtained from financial publications or from your professional banker or broker.

6. CAPITAL RESERVE FUND - Must be kept in a separate account and not intermingled with any other funds of the municipality (RSA 35:9).

7. WHEN and WHERE TO FILE - By March 1 if filing for a calendar year and by September 1 if filing for optional fiscal year. See addresses on page 4 of this form. If you hold funds for the school, the school business administrator will also need a copy for the school's financial report.

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MS-9 REPORT OF THE TRUST FUNDS OF THE TOWN OF CHESTER FOR THE PERIOD 07/01/2014 THRU 6/30/2015

TRUST FUNDS				PRINCIPAL				INCOME				TOTAL	MARKET VALUE			
Date Cre- ated	Name of Trust Fund	Purpose of Fund	How Invested	%	Beginning Balance	Additions	Capital Gains/ -Losses	With- drawals	Ending Balance	Beginning Balance	Amount	Expended During Year	Ending Balance	Principal & Income	Unrealized Gain/Loss	Ending Market Value
Cemetery Trusts																
Perpetual Care																
1918	Albert Kripper	Village Cemetery	Common TF	0.37	127.08	0.00	-0.33	0.00	126.75	7.07	4.32	0.00	11.39	138.14	0.95	139.09
1919	Joseph Knowles	Village Cemetery	Common TF	0.37	127.08	0.00	-0.33	0.00	126.75	7.07	4.32	0.00	11.39	138.14	0.95	139.09
1919	Robert & Rebecca Knowles	Village Cemetery	Common TF	0.37	127.08	0.00	-0.33	0.00	126.75	7.07	4.32	0.00	11.39	138.14	0.95	139.09
1920	Elizabeth I. Kent	Village Cemetery	Common TF	0.37	127.08	0.00	-0.33	0.00	126.75	7.07	4.32	0.00	11.39	138.14	0.95	139.09
1922	John S. Emery	Village Cemetery	Common TF	0.37	127.08	0.00	-0.33	0.00	126.75	7.07	4.32	0.00	11.39	138.14	0.95	139.09
1922	George Wells	Village Cemetery	Common TF	0.37	127.08	0.00	-0.33	0.00	126.75	7.07	4.32	0.00	11.39	138.14	0.95	139.09
1922	Amos Green	Village Cemetery	Common TF	0.37	127.08	0.00	-0.33	0.00	126.75	7.07	4.32	0.00	11.39	138.14	0.95	139.09
1923	Moses Pingree	Village Cemetery	Common TF	0.37	127.08	0.00	-0.33	0.00	126.75	7.07	4.32	0.00	11.39	138.14	0.95	139.09
1924	Daniel Bell	Village Cemetery	Common TF	0.37	127.08	0.00	-0.33	0.00	126.75	7.07	4.32	0.00	11.39	138.14	0.95	139.09
1923	Silas F. Learnard	Village Cemetery	Common TF	0.37	127.08	0.00	-0.33	0.00	126.75	7.07	4.32	0.00	11.39	138.14	0.95	139.09
1918	Sarah V. Lane	Village Cemetery	Common TF	0.73	254.16	0.00	-0.67	0.00	253.49	14.17	8.61	0.00	22.78	276.27	1.91	278.18
1919	John West	Village Cemetery	Common TF	0.18	63.53	0.00	-0.17	0.00	63.36	3.53	2.15	0.00	5.68	69.04	0.48	69.52
1920	John West 2nd	Village Cemetery	Common TF	0.18	63.53	0.00	-0.17	0.00	63.36	3.53	2.15	0.00	5.68	69.04	0.48	69.52
1921	Page Reed Smith	Village Cemetery	Common TF	0.29	101.65	0.00	-0.27	0.00	101.38	5.65	3.45	0.00	9.10	110.48	0.76	111.24
1921	Sally Lovering Sleeper	Village Cemetery	Common TF	0.15	50.83	0.00	-0.13	0.00	50.70	2.81	1.71	0.00	4.52	55.22	0.38	55.60
1921	Joseph Dane	Village Cemetery	Common TF	0.18	63.53	0.00	-0.17	0.00	63.36	3.53	2.15	0.00	5.68	69.04	0.48	69.52
1921	Mary E. Bean	Village Cemetery	Common TF	0.55	190.62	0.00	-0.50	0.00	190.12	10.59	6.48	0.00	17.07	207.19	1.43	208.62
1922	Charles H. Green	Village Cemetery	Common TF	0.37	127.08	0.00	-0.33	0.00	126.75	7.07	4.32	0.00	11.39	138.14	0.95	139.09
1923	Samuel S. Warren	Village Cemetery	Common TF	0.18	63.53	0.00	-0.17	0.00	63.36	3.53	2.15	0.00	5.68	69.04	0.48	69.52
1923	Mark Sanborn	Village Cemetery	Common TF	0.18	63.53	0.00	-0.17	0.00	63.36	3.53	2.15	0.00	5.68	69.04	0.48	69.52
1923	Herbert W. Robie	Village Cemetery	Common TF	0.18	63.53	0.00	-0.17	0.00	63.36	3.53	2.15	0.00	5.68	69.04	0.48	69.52
1906	William W. White	Village Cemetery	Common TF	0.27	95.32	0.00	-0.25	0.00	95.07	5.31	3.23	0.00	8.54	103.61	0.72	104.33
1908	Edmund Sleeper	Village Cemetery	Common TF	0.16	57.19	0.00	-0.15	0.00	57.04	3.17	1.94	0.00	5.11	62.15	0.43	62.58
1910	Sarah A. True	Village Cemetery	Common TF	0.27	95.32	0.00	-0.25	0.00	95.07	5.31	3.23	0.00	8.54	103.61	0.72	104.33
1910	Henry Moore	Village Cemetery	Common TF	0.22	76.25	0.00	-0.19	0.00	76.06	4.22	2.59	0.00	6.81	82.87	0.57	83.44
1911	Samuel S. Parker	Village Cemetery	Common TF	0.15	50.83	0.00	-0.13	0.00	50.70	2.81	1.71	0.00	4.52	55.22	0.38	55.60
1916	Charles Stevens	Village Cemetery	Common TF	0.22	76.25	0.00	-0.19	0.00	76.06	4.22	2.59	0.00	6.81	82.87	0.57	83.44
1917	Oren F. Page	Village Cemetery	Common TF	0.15	50.83	0.00	-0.13	0.00	50.70	2.81	1.71	0.00	4.52	55.22	0.38	55.60
1917	David Lane	Village Cemetery	Common TF	0.26	88.95	0.00	-0.23	0.00	88.72	4.98	3.04	0.00	8.02	96.74	0.67	97.41
1928	Amos Hazelton	Village Cemetery	Common TF	0.27	95.32	0.00	-0.25	0.00	95.07	5.31	3.23	0.00	8.54	103.61	0.72	104.33
1928	George Herman Jack	Village Cemetery	Common TF	0.22	76.25	0.00	-0.19	0.00	76.06	4.22	2.59	0.00	6.81	82.87	0.57	83.44
1925	Ephraim Orcutt	Village Cemetery	Common TF	0.18	63.53	0.00	-0.17	0.00	63.36	3.53	2.15	0.00	5.68	69.04	0.48	69.52
1929	Augustus P. Morse	Village Cemetery	Common TF	0.18	63.53	0.00	-0.17	0.00	63.36	3.53	2.15	0.00	5.68	69.04	0.48	69.52
1929	Charles F. True	Village Cemetery	Common TF	0.18	63.53	0.00	-0.17	0.00	63.36	3.53	2.15	0.00	5.68	69.04	0.48	69.52
1931	French - Heath	Village Cemetery	Common TF	0.18	63.53	0.00	-0.17	0.00	63.36	3.53	2.15	0.00	5.68	69.04	0.48	69.52
1929	Mary E. Merrill	Village Cemetery	Common TF	0.09	31.78	0.00	-0.09	0.00	31.69	1.78	1.09	0.00	2.87	34.56	0.24	34.80

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Cemetery Trusts																
Perpetual Care																
1931	Hannah M. Sawyer	Village Cemetery	Common TF	0.18	63.53	0.00	-0.17	0.00	63.36	3.53	2.15	0.00	5.68	69.04	0.48	69.52
1931	James DeLeskey	Village Cemetery	Common TF	0.27	95.32	0.00	-0.25	0.00	95.07	5.31	3.23	0.00	8.54	103.61	0.72	104.33
1936	William F. Warren	Village Cemetery	Common TF	0.18	63.53	0.00	-0.17	0.00	63.36	3.53	2.15	0.00	5.68	69.04	0.48	69.52
1909	Hannah M. Williams	Village Cemetery	Common TF	0.18	63.53	0.00	-0.17	0.00	63.36	3.53	2.15	0.00	5.68	69.04	0.48	69.52
1912	Lot Knowles	Village Cemetery	Common TF	0.18	63.53	0.00	-0.17	0.00	63.36	3.53	2.15	0.00	5.68	69.04	0.48	69.52
1916	Charles H. Knowles	Village Cemetery	Common TF	0.18	63.53	0.00	-0.17	0.00	63.36	3.53	2.15	0.00	5.68	69.04	0.48	69.52
1917	Hills Stevens	Village Cemetery	Common TF	0.18	63.53	0.00	-0.17	0.00	63.36	3.53	2.15	0.00	5.68	69.04	0.48	69.52
1918	Caroline M. Hall	Village Cemetery	Common TF	0.18	63.53	0.00	-0.17	0.00	63.36	3.53	2.15	0.00	5.68	69.04	0.48	69.52
1919	Parker Morse	Village Cemetery	Common TF	0.18	63.53	0.00	-0.17	0.00	63.36	3.53	2.15	0.00	5.68	69.04	0.48	69.52
1919	George Marden	Village Cemetery	Common TF	0.18	63.53	0.00	-0.17	0.00	63.36	3.53	2.15	0.00	5.68	69.04	0.48	69.52
1924	James W. Gordon	Village Cemetery	Common TF	0.18	63.53	0.00	-0.17	0.00	63.36	3.53	2.15	0.00	5.68	69.04	0.48	69.52
1924	James H. Hardy	Village Cemetery	Common TF	0.18	63.53	0.00	-0.17	0.00	63.36	3.53	2.15	0.00	5.68	69.04	0.48	69.52
1925	George S. West	Village Cemetery	Common TF	0.18	63.53	0.00	-0.17	0.00	63.36	3.53	2.15	0.00	5.68	69.04	0.48	69.52
1908	Luther W. Hall	Village Cemetery	Common TF	0.37	127.08	0.00	-0.33	0.00	126.75	7.07	4.32	0.00	11.39	138.14	0.95	139.09
1911	Charles A. Dearborn	Village Cemetery	Common TF	0.37	127.08	0.00	-0.33	0.00	126.75	7.07	4.32	0.00	11.39	138.14	0.95	139.09
1911	Reverend Charles Tenney	Village Cemetery	Common TF	0.37	127.08	0.00	-0.33	0.00	126.75	7.07	4.32	0.00	11.39	138.14	0.95	139.09
1916	Joan Hazelton	Village Cemetery	Common TF	0.37	127.08	0.00	-0.33	0.00	126.75	7.07	4.32	0.00	11.39	138.14	0.95	139.09
1925	Lydra J. Ramsey	Village Cemetery	Common TF	0.37	127.08	0.00	-0.33	0.00	126.75	7.07	4.32	0.00	11.39	138.14	0.95	139.09
1926	Helen F. Soule	Village Cemetery	Common TF	0.37	127.08	0.00	-0.33	0.00	126.75	7.07	4.32	0.00	11.39	138.14	0.95	139.09
1928	James & J. Albert Hook	Village Cemetery	Common TF	0.37	127.08	0.00	-0.33	0.00	126.75	7.07	4.32	0.00	11.39	138.14	0.95	139.09
1930	Arthur I Moore & Harry Roberts	Village Cemetery	Common TF	0.37	127.08	0.00	-0.33	0.00	126.75	7.07	4.32	0.00	11.39	138.14	0.95	139.09
1932	Cyrus F. Marston	Village Cemetery	Common TF	0.37	127.08	0.00	-0.33	0.00	126.75	7.07	4.32	0.00	11.39	138.14	0.95	139.09
1933	Gerah	Village Cemetery	Common TF	0.37	127.08	0.00	-0.33	0.00	126.75	7.07	4.32	0.00	11.39	138.14	0.95	139.09
1934	Lucy Lawrence	Village Cemetery	Common TF	0.37	127.08	0.00	-0.33	0.00	126.75	7.07	4.32	0.00	11.39	138.14	0.95	139.09
1935	Joseph Webster	Village Cemetery	Common TF	0.37	127.08	0.00	-0.33	0.00	126.75	7.07	4.32	0.00	11.39	138.14	0.95	139.09
1937	Valeria A. Towle	Village Cemetery	Common TF	0.37	127.08	0.00	-0.33	0.00	126.75	7.07	4.32	0.00	11.39	138.14	0.95	139.09
1937	Mabel J. Brickett	Village Cemetery	Common TF	0.37	127.08	0.00	-0.33	0.00	126.75	7.07	4.32	0.00	11.39	138.14	0.95	139.09
1937	Charles E. Cook	Village Cemetery	Common TF	0.37	127.08	0.00	-0.33	0.00	126.75	7.07	4.32	0.00	11.39	138.14	0.95	139.09
1937	Moses Webster	Village Cemetery	Common TF	0.37	127.08	0.00	-0.33	0.00	126.75	7.07	4.32	0.00	11.39	138.14	0.95	139.09
1937	Melvin	Village Cemetery	Common TF	0.37	127.08	0.00	-0.33	0.00	126.75	7.07	4.32	0.00	11.39	138.14	0.95	139.09
1938	Thomas J. Melvin	Village Cemetery	Common TF	0.37	127.08	0.00	-0.33	0.00	126.75	7.07	4.32	0.00	11.39	138.14	0.95	139.09
1939	Chester Noyes Greenough	Village Cemetery	Common TF	0.37	127.08	0.00	-0.33	0.00	126.75	7.07	4.32	0.00	11.39	138.14	0.95	139.09
1939	E. G. Burffum	Village Cemetery	Common TF	0.37	127.08	0.00	-0.33	0.00	126.75	7.07	4.32	0.00	11.39	138.14	0.95	139.09
1939	Susie Smith	Village Cemetery	Common TF	0.37	127.08	0.00	-0.33	0.00	126.75	7.07	4.32	0.00	11.39	138.14	0.95	139.09
1940	George Mackintosh	Village Cemetery	Common TF	0.73	254.16	0.00	-0.67	0.00	253.49	14.17	8.61	0.00	22.78	276.27	1.91	278.18
1941	Lewis Kimball	Village Cemetery	Common TF	0.37	127.08	0.00	-0.33	0.00	126.75	7.07	4.32	0.00	11.39	138.14	0.95	139.09

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Cemetery Trusts																
Perpetual Care																
1941	Eva Underhill	Village Cemetery	Common TF	0.37	127.08	0.00	-0.33	0.00	126.75	7.07	4.32	0.00	11.39	138.14	0.95	139.09
1941	Mary A. Owen	Village Cemetery	Common TF	0.37	127.08	0.00	-0.33	0.00	126.75	7.07	4.32	0.00	11.39	138.14	0.95	139.09
1941	Mary J. Maple	Village Cemetery	Common TF	0.37	127.08	0.00	-0.33	0.00	126.75	7.07	4.32	0.00	11.39	138.14	0.95	139.09
1942	William Greenough	Village Cemetery	Common TF	0.37	127.08	0.00	-0.33	0.00	126.75	7.07	4.32	0.00	11.39	138.14	0.95	139.09
1942	Arthur Leighton	Village Cemetery	Common TF	0.37	127.08	0.00	-0.33	0.00	126.75	7.07	4.32	0.00	11.39	138.14	0.95	139.09
1942	William P. Nichols	Village Cemetery	Common TF	0.37	127.08	0.00	-0.33	0.00	126.75	7.07	4.32	0.00	11.39	138.14	0.95	139.09
1942	Justine P. Creamer	Village Cemetery	Common TF	0.37	127.08	0.00	-0.33	0.00	126.75	7.07	4.32	0.00	11.39	138.14	0.95	139.09
1945	Addie F. Watkins	Village Cemetery	Common TF	0.37	127.08	0.00	-0.33	0.00	126.75	7.07	4.32	0.00	11.39	138.14	0.95	139.09
1955	Leon G. Simonds	Village Cemetery	Common TF	0.37	127.08	0.00	-0.33	0.00	126.75	7.07	4.32	0.00	11.39	138.14	0.95	139.09
1920	To be determined	Village Cemetery	Common TF	3.66	1,270.74	0.00	-3.31	0.00	1,267.43	70.70	43.10	0.00	113.80	1,381.23	9.53	1,390.76
1904	John W. Noyes	Village Cemetery	Common TF	1.10	381.21	0.00	-0.99	0.00	380.22	21.21	12.94	0.00	34.15	414.37	2.86	417.23
1915	Jonathan Pressey	Village Cemetery	Common TF	0.16	57.19	0.00	-0.15	0.00	57.04	3.17	1.94	0.00	5.11	62.15	0.43	62.58
1910	George W. Stevens	Village Cemetery	Common TF	1.24	431.80	0.00	-1.12	0.00	430.68	24.04	14.66	0.00	38.70	469.38	3.24	472.62
1914	Cynthia J. Brown	Village Cemetery	Common TF	0.18	63.53	0.00	-0.17	0.00	63.36	3.53	2.15	0.00	5.68	69.04	0.48	69.52
1918	George L. Converse	Village Cemetery	Common TF	0.18	63.53	0.00	-0.17	0.00	63.36	3.53	2.15	0.00	5.68	69.04	0.48	69.52
1926	Mills E. Wilson	Village Cemetery	Common TF	0.91	317.68	0.00	-0.82	0.00	316.86	17.67	10.77	0.00	28.44	345.30	2.38	347.68
1931	George A. Hosley	Village Cemetery	Common TF	0.73	254.16	0.00	-0.67	0.00	253.49	14.17	8.61	0.00	22.78	276.27	1.91	278.18
1929	John C. Chase	Village Cemetery	Common TF	0.73	254.16	0.00	-0.67	0.00	253.49	14.17	8.61	0.00	22.78	276.27	1.91	278.18
1932	George F. West	Village Cemetery	Common TF	0.68	235.09	0.00	-0.61	0.00	234.48	13.08	7.97	0.00	21.05	255.53	1.76	257.29
1932	Mills Family	Village Cemetery	Common TF	0.73	254.16	0.00	-0.67	0.00	253.49	14.17	8.61	0.00	22.78	276.27	1.91	278.18
1933	A. H. Wilcomb	Village Cemetery	Common TF	1.62	564.22	0.00	-1.46	0.00	562.76	31.39	19.13	0.00	50.52	613.28	4.23	617.51
1932	John F. & Jennie Green	Village Cemetery	Common TF	0.55	190.62	0.00	-0.50	0.00	190.12	10.59	6.48	0.00	17.07	207.19	1.43	208.62
1935	Ellen A. Gates	Village Cemetery	Common TF	0.73	254.16	0.00	-0.67	0.00	253.49	14.17	8.61	0.00	22.78	276.27	1.91	278.18
1937	Fred B. & Alice E. Boyles	Village Cemetery	Common TF	0.55	190.62	0.00	-0.50	0.00	190.12	10.59	6.48	0.00	17.07	207.19	1.43	208.62
1938	James Marden	Village Cemetery	Common TF	0.15	50.83	0.00	-0.13	0.00	50.70	2.81	1.71	0.00	4.52	55.22	0.38	55.60
1939	Frances L. Hazelton	Village Cemetery	Common TF	0.73	254.16	0.00	-0.67	0.00	253.49	14.17	8.61	0.00	22.78	276.27	1.91	278.18
1940	Magdalena Robbs	Village Cemetery	Common TF	0.73	254.16	0.00	-0.67	0.00	253.49	14.17	8.61	0.00	22.78	276.27	1.91	278.18
1940	John H. Robie	Village Cemetery	Common TF	0.55	190.62	0.00	-0.50	0.00	190.12	10.59	6.48	0.00	17.07	207.19	1.43	208.62
1941	Sanborn - Morse	Village Cemetery	Common TF	0.91	317.68	0.00	-0.82	0.00	316.86	17.67	10.77	0.00	28.44	345.30	2.38	347.68
1941	Edward T. Morse	Village Cemetery	Common TF	0.37	127.08	0.00	-0.33	0.00	126.75	7.07	4.32	0.00	11.39	138.14	0.95	139.09
1942	Isabella C. Clark	Village Cemetery	Common TF	0.73	254.16	0.00	-0.67	0.00	253.49	14.17	8.61	0.00	22.78	276.27	1.91	278.18
1942	Lida E. Crawford	Village Cemetery	Common TF	1.10	381.21	0.00	-0.99	0.00	380.22	21.21	12.94	0.00	34.15	414.37	2.86	417.23
1943	Minnie D. French	Village Cemetery	Common TF	0.18	63.53	0.00	-0.17	0.00	63.36	3.53	2.15	0.00	5.68	69.04	0.48	69.52
1945	Anna M. Wakefield	Village Cemetery	Common TF	0.55	190.62	0.00	-0.50	0.00	190.12	10.59	6.48	0.00	17.07	207.19	1.43	208.62
1947	George S. Webster	Village Cemetery	Common TF	0.73	254.16	0.00	-0.67	0.00	253.49	14.17	8.61	0.00	22.78	276.27	1.91	278.18
1951	Mansur & Seibert	Village Cemetery	Common TF	0.64	222.39	0.00	-0.58	0.00	221.81	12.37	7.53	0.00	19.90	241.71	1.67	243.38

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Perpetual Care																
1952	Ivory J & Sarah J. Lovering; John L. Hersom	Village Cemetery	Common TF	0.55	190.62	0.00	-0.50	0.00	190.12	10.59	6.48	0.00	17.07	207.19	1.43	208.62
1953	Nellie W. Kearns	Village Cemetery	Common TF	0.91	317.68	0.00	-0.82	0.00	316.86	17.67	10.77	0.00	28.44	345.30	2.38	347.68
1953	Nathan W. Goldsmith	Village Cemetery	Common TF	0.55	190.62	0.00	-0.50	0.00	190.12	10.59	6.48	0.00	17.07	207.19	1.43	208.62
1958	Alma Watts Wheeler	Village Cemetery	Common TF	0.73	254.16	0.00	-0.67	0.00	253.49	14.17	8.61	0.00	22.78	276.27	1.91	278.18
1958	Orlando H. Underhill	Village Cemetery	Common TF	0.73	254.16	0.00	-0.67	0.00	253.49	14.17	8.61	0.00	22.78	276.27	1.91	278.18
1959	Myron F. Brown	Village Cemetery	Common TF	0.55	190.62	0.00	-0.50	0.00	190.12	10.59	6.48	0.00	17.07	207.19	1.43	208.62
1960	Harriette E. & Walter E. Drowne	Village Cemetery	Common TF	0.73	254.16	0.00	-0.67	0.00	253.49	14.17	8.61	0.00	22.78	276.27	1.91	278.18
1961	George D. Rand	Village Cemetery	Common TF	0.73	254.16	0.00	-0.67	0.00	253.49	14.17	8.61	0.00	22.78	276.27	1.91	278.18
1961	Fred G. Bartlett	Village Cemetery	Common TF	1.46	508.30	0.00	-1.33	0.00	506.97	28.30	17.24	0.00	45.54	552.51	3.81	556.32
1961	Albert M. Hardy	Village Cemetery	Common TF	0.55	190.62	0.00	-0.50	0.00	190.12	10.59	6.48	0.00	17.07	207.19	1.43	208.62
1961	George Hook	Village Cemetery	Common TF	0.55	190.62	0.00	-0.50	0.00	190.12	10.59	6.48	0.00	17.07	207.19	1.43	208.62
1962	Robinson - Martin	Village Cemetery	Common TF	0.40	139.77	0.00	-0.35	0.00	139.42	7.78	4.75	0.00	12.53	151.95	1.05	153.00
1962	Wallace L. Kinball	Village Cemetery	Common TF	0.37	127.08	0.00	-0.33	0.00	126.75	7.07	4.32	0.00	11.39	138.14	0.95	139.09
1963	Elizabeth Mills & Georgia Moolton	Village Cemetery	Common TF	0.49	171.55	0.00	-0.44	0.00	171.11	9.55	5.83	0.00	15.38	186.49	1.29	187.78
1963	John Wason	Village Cemetery	Common TF	0.55	190.62	0.00	-0.50	0.00	190.12	10.59	6.48	0.00	17.07	207.19	1.43	208.62
1963	Etta F. Purinton	Village Cemetery	Common TF	0.37	127.08	0.00	-0.33	0.00	126.75	7.07	4.32	0.00	11.39	138.14	0.95	139.09
1964	Grant - Starbird	Village Cemetery	Common TF	0.73	254.16	0.00	-0.67	0.00	253.49	14.17	8.61	0.00	22.78	276.27	1.91	278.18
1933	Buzzell A. Follansbee	Village Cemetery	Common TF	0.22	76.25	0.00	-0.19	0.00	76.06	4.22	2.59	0.00	6.81	82.87	0.57	83.44
1933	Carlos W. Noyes	Village Cemetery	Common TF	0.27	95.32	0.00	-0.25	0.00	95.07	5.31	3.23	0.00	8.54	103.61	0.72	104.33
1950	William Finnigan	Village Cemetery	Common TF	0.37	127.08	0.00	-0.33	0.00	126.75	7.07	4.32	0.00	11.39	138.14	0.95	139.09
1950	Victoria J. Brown	Village Cemetery	Common TF	0.73	254.16	0.00	-0.67	0.00	253.49	14.17	8.61	0.00	22.78	276.27	1.91	278.18
1954	Moses Tewksbury	Village Cemetery	Common TF	1.10	381.21	0.00	-0.99	0.00	380.22	21.21	12.94	0.00	34.15	414.37	2.86	417.23
1954	Weeks & Forsaith	Village Cemetery	Common TF	0.73	254.16	0.00	-0.67	0.00	253.49	14.17	8.61	0.00	22.78	276.27	1.91	278.18
1955	Rufus Forsaith	Village Cemetery	Common TF	0.37	127.08	0.00	-0.33	0.00	126.75	7.07	4.32	0.00	11.39	138.14	0.95	139.09
1965	Henry H. & Emeline T. Lane	Village Cemetery	Common TF	0.55	190.62	0.00	-0.50	0.00	190.12	10.59	6.48	0.00	17.07	207.19	1.43	208.62
1968	Warren F. Robinson	Village Cemetery	Common TF	0.73	254.16	0.00	-0.67	0.00	253.49	14.17	8.61	0.00	22.78	276.27	1.91	278.18
1968	Inez Stowe Henderson and Hazel I. Stone	Village Cemetery	Common TF	0.37	127.08	0.00	-0.33	0.00	126.75	7.07	4.32	0.00	11.39	138.14	0.95	139.09
1968	Hazel Butler Hurd	Village Cemetery	Common TF	0.55	190.62	0.00	-0.50	0.00	190.12	10.59	6.48	0.00	17.07	207.19	1.43	208.62
1968	Chris Hans Pomp	Village Cemetery	Common TF	0.37	127.08	0.00	-0.33	0.00	126.75	7.07	4.32	0.00	11.39	138.14	0.95	139.09
1969	Fitts & Hunt	Village Cemetery	Common TF	0.73	254.16	0.00	-0.67	0.00	253.49	14.17	8.61	0.00	22.78	276.27	1.91	278.18
1969	Charles H. Edwards	Village Cemetery	Common TF	0.37	127.08	0.00	-0.33	0.00	126.75	7.07	4.32	0.00	11.39	138.14	0.95	139.09
1970	Amos E. & Mary A. Hazelton	Village Cemetery	Common TF	1.10	381.21	0.00	-0.99	0.00	380.22	21.21	12.94	0.00	34.15	414.37	2.86	417.23
1953	Farish G. Lewis	Village Cemetery	Common TF	0.55	190.62	0.00	-0.50	0.00	190.12	10.59	6.48	0.00	17.07	207.19	1.43	208.62
1971	John F. Roble	Village Cemetery	Common TF	0.37	127.08	0.00	-0.33	0.00	126.75	7.07	4.32	0.00	11.39	138.14	0.95	139.09
1971	Leon B. Richardson	Village Cemetery	Common TF	0.73	254.16	0.00	-0.67	0.00	253.49	14.17	8.61	0.00	22.78	276.27	1.91	278.18

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Cemetery Trusts																
Perpetual Care																
1972	Woodbury Marsters	Village Cemetery	Common TF	0.73	254.16	0.00	-0.67	0.00	253.49	14.17	8.61	0.00	22.78	276.27	1.91	278.18
1972	John M. Webster	Village Cemetery	Common TF	0.73	254.16	0.00	-0.67	0.00	253.49	14.17	8.61	0.00	22.78	276.27	1.91	278.18
1973	Victor & Perley Spoillett	Village Cemetery	Common TF	1.10	381.21	0.00	-0.99	0.00	380.22	21.21	12.94	0.00	34.15	414.37	2.86	417.23
1973	Loren P. Rand	Village Cemetery	Common TF	0.73	254.16	0.00	-0.67	0.00	253.49	14.17	8.61	0.00	22.78	276.27	1.91	278.18
1973	North Chester Ladies Aid	Village Cemetery	Common TF	1.10	381.21	0.00	-0.99	0.00	380.22	21.21	12.94	0.00	34.15	414.37	2.86	417.23
1973	Adams - Richardson	Village Cemetery	Common TF	0.73	254.16	0.00	-0.67	0.00	253.49	14.17	8.61	0.00	22.78	276.27	1.91	278.18
1975	Margaret L. Ross	Village Cemetery	Common TF	0.18	63.53	0.00	-0.17	0.00	63.36	3.53	2.15	0.00	5.68	69.04	0.48	69.52
1978	Ethel L. Hills	Village Cemetery	Common TF	0.37	127.08	0.00	-0.33	0.00	126.75	7.07	4.32	0.00	11.39	138.14	0.95	139.09
1968	French Addition	Village Cemetery	Common TF	2.62	911.88	0.00	-2.39	0.00	909.49	50.73	30.94	0.00	81.67	991.16	6.84	998.00
1949	Robert Hazelton	Village Cemetery	Common TF	5.07	1,763.64	0.00	-4.61	0.00	1,759.03	98.08	59.85	0.00	157.93	1,916.96	13.23	1,930.19
1983	Edward J. & Rhoda K. Murphy	Village Cemetery	Common TF	1.46	508.30	0.00	-1.33	0.00	506.97	28.30	17.24	0.00	45.54	552.51	3.81	556.32
1983	Dorothy Everett	Village Cemetery	Common TF	1.83	635.38	0.00	-1.66	0.00	633.72	35.37	21.57	0.00	56.94	690.66	4.77	695.43
1948	John G. Lang	Village Cemetery	Common TF	0.55	190.62	0.00	-0.50	0.00	190.12	10.59	6.48	0.00	17.07	207.19	1.43	208.62
1948	Edwin Jones	Village Cemetery	Common TF	0.55	190.62	0.00	-0.50	0.00	190.12	10.59	6.48	0.00	17.07	207.19	1.43	208.62
1948	Osgood Richards	Village Cemetery	Common TF	0.55	190.62	0.00	-0.50	0.00	190.12	10.59	6.48	0.00	17.07	207.19	1.43	208.62
1949	Preston E. Goodrich	Village Cemetery	Common TF	0.55	190.62	0.00	-0.50	0.00	190.12	10.59	6.48	0.00	17.07	207.19	1.43	208.62
1950	William H. West, Arthur H. West and George West	Village Cemetery	Common TF	0.91	317.68	0.00	-0.82	0.00	316.86	17.67	10.77	0.00	28.44	345.30	2.38	347.68
1950	William A. Moore	Village Cemetery	Common TF	0.37	127.08	0.00	-0.33	0.00	126.75	7.07	4.32	0.00	11.39	138.14	0.95	139.09
1951	George E. Gillingham	Village Cemetery	Common TF	1.10	381.21	0.00	-0.99	0.00	380.22	21.21	12.94	0.00	34.15	414.37	2.86	417.23
1951	J. Wesley Smith	Village Cemetery	Common TF	0.37	127.08	0.00	-0.33	0.00	126.75	7.07	4.32	0.00	11.39	138.14	0.95	139.09
1958	Arthur M. & Guy Lawrence Basford	Village Cemetery	Common TF	0.37	127.08	0.00	-0.33	0.00	126.75	7.07	4.32	0.00	11.39	138.14	0.95	139.09
1959	Susie M. Gillingham	Village Cemetery	Common TF	1.10	381.21	0.00	-0.99	0.00	380.22	21.21	12.94	0.00	34.15	414.37	2.86	417.23
1979	Austin Lane	Village Cemetery	Common TF	0.37	127.08	0.00	-0.33	0.00	126.75	7.07	4.32	0.00	11.39	138.14	0.95	139.09
1905	Lester Mitchell	Village Cemetery	Common TF	2.08	722.48	0.00	-1.89	0.00	720.59	40.19	24.53	0.00	64.72	785.31	5.42	790.73
2011	Dianne F. & Frank M. Carrio, Sr.	Village Cemetery	Common TF	2.93	1,016.87	0.00	-2.64	0.00	1,014.23	56.80	34.50	0.00	91.30	1,105.53	7.63	1,113.16
2012	Glenn V., Darlene L. & Brandon Myers	Village Cemetery	Common TF	1.95	678.77	0.00	-1.78	0.00	676.99	37.76	23.03	0.00	60.79	737.78	5.09	742.87
2012	Nicholas, Janet & Kelsey Myers	Village Cemetery	Common TF	0.98	339.39	0.00	-0.89	0.00	338.50	18.87	11.53	0.00	30.40	368.90	2.55	371.45
2012	James Hrinchuk	Village Cemetery	Common TF	0.33	113.14	0.00	-0.29	0.00	112.85	6.31	3.83	0.00	10.14	122.99	0.85	123.84
2013	Eileen Tuilly	Village Cemetery	Common TF	0.88	308.85	0.00	-0.80	0.00	308.05	15.67	10.41	0.00	26.08	334.13	2.31	336.44
2014	Ann O'Connell	Village Cemetery	Common TF	0.82	0.00	300.00	-0.75	0.00	299.25	0.00	9.09	0.00	9.09	308.34	2.13	310.47
Total Perpetual Care					34,483.90	300.00	-90.83	0.00	34,693.07	1,917.47	1,179.24	0.00	3,096.71	37,789.78	260.80	38,050.58
Perpetual Care - French Plot																
1946	Amos Tuck French Trust-968	Perpetual Care French Plot	Common TF	100.00	6,014.13	0.00	-14.86	0.00	5,999.27	154.65	193.72	154.65	193.72	6,192.99	42.75	6,235.74

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Cemetery Trusts

Perpetual Care - French Plot

Total	Perpetual Care - French Plot			100	6,014.13	0.00	-14.86	0.00	5,999.27	154.65	193.72	154.65	193.72	6,192.99	42.75	6,235.74
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Burial Trusts

1946	Great Hill Cemetery Trust	Great Hill Cemetery	Common TF	100.00	75,145.67	68,263.42	-484.78	0.00	142,924.31	82,813.58	5,660.43	38,000.00	50,474.01	193,398.32	1,334.94	194,733.26
Total	Burial Trusts			100	75,145.67	68,263.42	-484.78	0.00	142,924.31	82,813.58	5,660.43	38,000.00	50,474.01	193,398.32	1,334.94	194,733.26
Total	Cemetery Trusts			100	115,643.70	68,563.42	-590.47	0.00	183,616.65	84,885.70	7,033.39	38,154.65	53,764.44	237,381.09	1,638.49	239,019.58

Fire Department

1978	Ruth Ray Trust	Fire Prevention Equipment	Common TF	4.46	6,151.18	0.00	-15.21	0.00	6,135.97	158.20	198.14	158.20	198.14	6,334.11	43.72	6,377.83
1983	E. Mackintosh Trust	Fire Dept. Undesignated	Common TF	0.89	1,230.25	0.00	-3.04	0.00	1,227.21	31.64	39.63	31.64	39.63	1,266.84	8.74	1,275.58
1996	Dean T. Leighton Trust	Fire Dept. Undesignated	Common TF	3.56	4,912.20	0.00	-12.15	0.00	4,900.05	126.32	158.23	126.32	158.23	5,058.28	34.91	5,093.19
1988	Rhonda A. Murphy Trust	Fire Dept. Undesignated	Common TF	91.08	125,557.25	0.00	-310.41	0.00	125,246.84	3,252.12	4,044.81	3,252.12	4,044.81	129,291.65	892.44	130,184.09
Total	Fire Department			100	137,850.88	0.00	-340.81	0.00	137,510.07	3,568.28	4,440.81	3,568.28	4,440.81	141,950.88	979.81	142,930.69

Libraries

Public Library

1910	George W. Stevens Trust	Public Library	Common TF	0.10	422.53	0.00	-1.05	0.00	421.48	10.86	13.63	10.86	13.63	435.11	3.00	438.11
1931	John C. Chase Trust	Public Library	Common TF	0.15	621.72	0.00	-1.53	0.00	620.19	15.98	20.01	15.98	20.01	640.20	4.42	644.62
1988	Dorothy Shedd Memorial Trust	Public Library	Common TF	0.15	621.72	0.00	-1.53	0.00	620.19	15.98	20.01	15.98	20.01	640.20	4.42	644.62
1991	Meta M. Lindgren Trust	Public Library	Common TF	0.15	621.72	0.00	-1.53	0.00	620.19	15.98	20.01	15.98	20.01	640.20	4.42	644.62
1979	Ruth Ray Trust (60% Public Library)	Public Library	Common TF	67.81	284,466.12	0.00	-703.22	0.00	283,762.90	7,367.70	9,163.80	7,367.70	9,163.80	292,926.70	2,021.98	294,948.68
1988	Rhonda A. Murphy Trust	Public Library	Common TF	30.18	126,608.96	0.00	-313.00	0.00	126,295.96	3,279.48	4,078.69	3,279.48	4,078.69	130,374.65	899.91	131,274.56
1986	Mary E. Dodge Trust	Public Library	Common TF	1.46	6,122.51	0.00	-15.13	0.00	6,107.38	157.45	197.24	157.45	197.24	6,304.62	43.52	6,348.14
Total	Public Library			100	419,485.28	0.00	-1,036.99	0.00	418,448.29	10,863.43	13,513.39	10,863.43	13,513.39	431,961.68	2,981.67	434,943.35

School Library

1985	Dr. James Brown School Books	School Library	Common TF	3.17	6,217.33	0.00	-15.37	0.00	6,201.96	159.88	200.29	159.88	200.29	6,402.25	44.19	6,446.44
1979	Ruth Ray Trust (40% School Library)	School Library	Common TF	96.83	189,644.33	0.00	-468.85	0.00	189,175.48	4,912.27	6,109.37	4,912.27	6,109.37	195,284.85	1,347.96	196,632.81
Total	School Library			100	195,861.66	0.00	-484.22	0.00	195,377.44	5,072.15	6,309.66	5,072.15	6,309.66	201,687.10	1,392.15	203,079.25
Total	Libraries			100	615,346.94	0.00	-1,521.21	0.00	613,825.73	15,935.58	19,823.05	15,935.58	19,823.05	633,648.78	4,373.82	638,022.60

Town Poor

1915	Wilcomb Home Trust	Town Poor	Common TF	5.04	5,382.39	0.00	-13.30	0.00	5,369.09	138.68	173.37	138.68	173.37	5,542.46	38.26	5,580.72
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MS-9 REPORT OF THE TRUST FUNDS OF THE TOWN OF CHESTER FOR THE PERIOD 07/01/2014 THRU 6/30/2015

TRUST FUNDS					PRINCIPAL				INCOME				TOTAL	MARKET VALUE		
Date Cre- ated	Name of Trust Fund	Purpose of Fund	How Invested	%	Beginning Balance	Additions	Capital Gains/ -Losses	With- drawals	Ending Balance	Beginning Balance	Amount	Expended During Year	Ending Balance	Principal & Income	Unrealized Gain/Loss	Ending Market Value
Town Poor																
1905	Lydia A. Newell Trust	Town Poor	Common TF	15.54	16,595.36	0.00	-41.03	0.00	16,554.33	427.63	534.61	427.63	534.61	17,088.94	117.96	17,206.90
1946	Wilcomb-Townsend Home Trust I	Town Poor	Common TF	20.74	22,147.30	0.00	-54.75	0.00	22,092.55	570.65	713.46	570.65	713.46	22,806.01	157.42	22,963.43
1960	Wilcomb-Townsend Home Trust II	Town Poor	Common TF	8.32	8,881.38	0.00	-21.95	0.00	8,859.43	228.85	286.10	228.85	286.10	9,145.53	63.13	9,208.66
1946	Wilcomb-Townsend Home Trust III	Town Poor	Common TF	11.45	12,226.19	0.00	-30.21	0.00	12,195.98	315.00	393.87	315.00	393.87	12,589.85	86.90	12,676.75
1972	Wilcomb-Townsend Home Trust IV	Town Poor	Common TF	5.89	6,289.17	0.00	-15.54	0.00	6,273.63	162.05	202.61	162.05	202.61	6,476.24	44.70	6,520.94
1982	Wilcomb-Townsend Home Trust V	Town Poor	Common TF	5.63	6,015.39	0.00	-14.87	0.00	6,000.52	155.01	193.78	155.01	193.78	6,194.30	42.76	6,237.06
1984	Wilcomb-Townsend Trust I	Town Poor	Common TF	18.77	20,048.46	0.00	-49.56	0.00	19,998.90	516.57	645.86	516.57	645.86	20,644.76	142.50	20,787.26
1983	Wilcomb-Townsend Trust II	Town Poor	Common TF	7.49	8,001.06	0.00	-19.77	0.00	7,981.29	206.16	257.77	206.16	257.77	8,239.06	56.87	8,295.93
1905	Wilcomb-Townsend Drawing Fund	Town Poor	Common TF	1.13	1,206.81	0.00	-2.99	0.00	1,203.82	31.10	38.89	31.10	38.89	1,242.71	8.58	1,251.29
Total Town Poor				100	106,793.51	0.00	-263.97	0.00	106,529.54	2,751.70	3,440.32	2,751.70	3,440.32	109,969.86	759.08	110,728.94
GRAND TOTAL: TRUST FUNDS					975,635.03	68,563.42	-2,716.46	0.00	1,041,481.99	107,141.26	34,737.57	60,410.21	81,468.62	1,122,950.61	7,751.20	1,130,701.81

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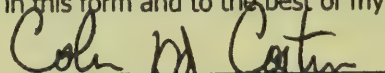
CAPITAL RESERVE FUNDS					PRINCIPAL			INCOME			TOTAL	MARKET VALUE				
Date Cre- ated	Name of Trust Fund	Purpose of Fund	How Invested	%	Beginning Balance	Additions	Capital Gains/ -Losses	With- drawals	Ending Balance	Beginning Balance	Amount	Expended During Year	Ending Balance	Principal & Income	Unrealized Gain/Loss	Ending Market Value
School																
2000	School Building Maintenance Fund-993	School Repairs	Common CRF	67.93	129,848.31	25,000.00	-67.97	0.00	154,780.34	3,866.07	1,759.94	0.00	5,626.01	160,406.35	1,371.64	161,777.99
2008	Children with Disabilities Fund-636	Special Education	Common CRF	32.07	73,253.19	0.00	-41.36	0.00	73,211.83	1,586.32	927.38	0.00	2,513.70	75,725.53	647.53	76,373.06
Total School					203,101.50	25,000.00	-109.33	0.00	227,992.17	5,452.39	2,687.32	0.00	8,139.71	236,131.88	2,019.17	238,151.05
Capital Reserve																
1991	Chester Fire Department-066	Cap Expenses	Common CRF	1.53	33.52	0.00	-3.94	0.00	29.58	7,099.22	88.38	0.00	7,187.60	7,217.18	61.71	7,278.89
2007	Municipal Complex Improvement-856	Cap Expenses	Common CRF	4.61	19,912.32	0.00	-11.88	0.00	19,900.44	1,581.43	266.34	0.00	1,847.77	21,748.21	185.97	21,934.18
2007	Wason Pond Rec Fund-575	Cap Expenses	Common CRF	1.58	5,853.25	0.00	-4.07	0.00	5,849.18	1,505.40	91.18	0.00	1,596.58	7,445.76	63.67	7,509.43
2007	Winter Road Maintenance Fund-583	Cap Expenses	Common CRF	0.10	340.27	85,000.00	-0.21	85,000.00	340.06	69.63	45.00	0.00	114.63	454.69	3.89	458.58
2008	Mosquito Trapping Fund-159	Cap Expenses	Common CRF	4.45	19,515.90	0.00	-11.46	0.00	19,504.44	1,224.58	257.00	0.00	1,481.58	20,986.02	179.45	21,165.47
2008	Building Improvement Fund-102	Cap Expenses	Common CRF	8.55	39,306.93	0.00	-22.04	0.00	39,284.89	580.39	494.26	0.00	1,074.65	40,359.54	345.12	40,704.66
2008	Equipment & Vehicles Fund-765	Cap Expenses	Common CRF	9.04	27,125.74	14,000.00	-12.31	0.00	41,113.43	1,156.58	404.10	0.00	1,560.68	42,674.11	364.91	43,039.02
2009	Revaluation Fund-395	Cap Expenses	Common CRF	9.62	29,656.85	15,000.00	-13.03	0.00	44,643.82	335.46	429.13	0.00	764.59	45,408.41	388.29	45,796.70
2010	North Pond Road Maintenance-281	Cap Expenses	Common CRF	1.06	4,859.84	0.00	-2.74	0.00	4,857.10	89.83	61.32	0.00	151.15	5,008.25	42.83	5,051.08
2012	Unanticipated Maintenance Capital Reserve Fund-113	Unanticipated Maintenance Expenditures	Common CRF	1.49	6,807.19	0.00	-3.85	0.00	6,803.34	142.91	86.12	0.00	229.03	7,032.37	60.13	7,092.50
2013	Cemetery Maintenance Fund	Cemetery Maintenance	Common CRF	1.06	4,887.98	0.00	-2.73	0.00	4,885.25	53.16	61.22	0.00	114.38	4,999.63	42.75	5,042.38
2013	Capital Improvement Plan	Capital Improvement Plan	Common CRF	52.63	350,125.61	0.00	-122.81	104,000.75	246,002.05	1,272.28	3,412.93	2,285.61	2,399.60	248,401.65	2,124.10	250,525.75
2013	Commemorative Monument Fund	Honor valued citizens	Common CRF	2.15	10,003.59	0.00	-5.55	0.00	9,998.04	36.35	124.40	0.00	160.75	10,158.79	86.87	10,245.66
2013	300th Anniversary Celebration	Town Celebration	Common CRF	2.14	5,001.80	5,000.00	-1.59	0.00	10,000.21	18.17	81.35	0.00	99.52	10,099.73	86.36	10,186.09
Total Capital Reserve					523,430.79	119,000.00	-218.21	189,000.75	453,211.83	15,165.39	5,902.73	2,285.61	18,782.51	471,994.34	4,036.05	476,030.39
GRAND TOTAL: CAPITAL RESERVE FUNDS					726,532.29	144,000.00	-327.54	189,000.75	681,204.00	20,617.78	8,590.05	2,285.61	26,922.22	708,126.22	6,055.22	714,181.44
GRAND TOTAL: CHESTER																
					1,702,167.32	212,563.42	-3,044.00	189,000.75	1,722,685.99	127,759.04	43,327.62	62,695.82	108,390.84	1,831,076.83	13,806.42	1,844,883.25

REPORT OF COMMON TRUST FUND AND CAPITAL RESERVE FUND INVESTMENTS

Town/City Of: ChesterFor Year Ended: 2015CONTACT PERSON: Colin CostinePHONE: 603-300-8171EMAIL: summitsp@hotmail.com

CERTIFICATE

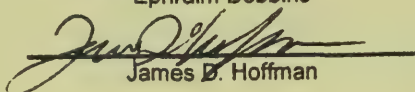
Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have examined the information contained in this form and to the best of my belief it is true, correct and complete.



Colin Costine



Ephraim Dobbins



James D. Hoffman

Signed by the Trustees of Trust Funds

Print and sign in Ink

on this date

7/20/15

REMINDERS FOR TRUSTEES

1. SIGNATURES - Print and sign on lines provided above.

2. INVESTMENT POLICY - RSA 31:25 requires the trustees to adopt an investment policy and review and confirm this policy at least annually. A copy of this policy must be filed with the Director of Charitable Trusts (RSA 31:25, 34:5, 35:9).

3. PROFESSIONAL BANKING AND BROKERAGE ASSISTANCE - RSA 31:38-a enables you to have a professional banking or brokerage firm assist you in performing your trustee duties. Refer to the law for further information. Attributable expenses may be charged against the trust funds involved, however, please be advised the fees can be taken from income only and not from principal.

4. WEBSITE - A trustee handbook can be downloaded from the website for the Attorney General's Charitable Trust Division. www.doj.nh.gov/charitable

5. FAIR VALUE - Fold and complete page 4 to disclose the fair value (market value) of principal only. This information may be obtained from financial publications or from your professional banker or broker.

6. CAPITAL RESERVE FUND - Must be kept in a separate account and not intermingled with any other funds of the municipality (RSA 35:9).

7. WHEN and WHERE TO FILE - By March 1 if filing for a calendar year and by September 1 if filing for optional fiscal year. See addresses on page 4 of this form. If the trustees hold funds for the school, the school business administrator will also need a copy for the school's financial report.

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REPORT OF THE COMMON TRUST FUNDS INVESTMENTS OF THE TOWN OF CHESTER

FOR THE PERIOD 07/01/2014 THRU 6/30/2015

	PRINCIPAL				INCOME				TOTAL		MARKET VALUE	
	Beginning Balance	Additions	Capital Gains/-Losses	Withdrawals	Ending Balance	Beginning Balance	Amount	Expended During Year	Ending Balance	Principal & Income	Unrealized Gain/Loss	Ending Market Value
NATC Common TF												
- Perpetual Care												
- Perpetual Care - French Plot												
- Burial Trusts												
- Fire Department												
- Public Library												
- School Library												
- Town Poor												
** Total NATC Common TF	975,635.03	68,563.42	-2,716.46	0.00	1,041,481.99	107,141.26	34,737.57	60,410.21	81,468.62	1,122,950.61	7,751.20	1,130,701.81
NATC Common CRF												
- School												
- Capital Reserve												
** Total NATC Common CRF	726,532.29	144,000.00	-327.54	189,000.75	681,204.00	20,617.78	8,590.05	2,285.61	26,922.22	708,126.22	6,055.22	714,181.44
GRAND TOTAL												
	1,702,167.32	212,563.42	-3,044.00	189,000.75	1,722,685.99	127,759.04	43,327.62	62,695.82	108,390.84	1,831,076.83	13,806.42	1,844,883.25

Fees and Expenses, if any, paid for Professional Brokerage Assistance (RSA 31:38-a, IV):

1. Name of Investment Advisor: Mackensen & Company, Inc., 380 Lafayette Road, Suite D, Hampton, NH 03842 603-926-1775
2. All assets held at National Advisors Trust Company. See attached 06/30/2015 statements.
3. Investment management fees for Trust Funds in the amount of \$5,615.23 were paid from Trust Funds income.
4. Investment management fees for Capital Reserve Funds in the amount of \$3,476.08 were paid by the Town per RSA 31:24.

**Town of Chester Vendor Payments
July 1, 2014 - June 30, 2015**

Vendor Name	City/Town	State	Amount
2 Way Communications Division	Newington	VT	\$ 17,270.27
A & K Sheet Metal	Sandown	NH	\$ 2,000.00
A Safe Place	Portsmouth	NH	\$ 1,500.00
A-1 Exterminator's Inc.	Lynn	MA	\$ 900.00
Access A/V	Concord	NH	\$ 6,272.46
AFTC, Inc.	Hudson	NH	\$ 169.60
Aggregate Industries-Northeast	Pittsburg	NH	\$ 4,337.94
AG's Custom Cars & Towing LLC	Sandown	NH	\$ 180.00
AIDS Response Seacoast	Portsmouth	NH	\$ 500.00
Air Cleaning Specialists, LLC	Hanover	MA	\$ 547.00
Airgas USA, LLC	Philadelphia	PA	\$ 1,132.84
Alert-All Corp.	New Holland	PA	\$ 450.00
Allegra Print & Imaging	Bedford	NH	\$ 451.92
All-Pro Tree Service	Chester	NH	\$ 8,350.00
Allstate Mechanical Services	Danville	NH	\$ 624.00
All-ways Accessible, Inc.	Concord	NH	\$ 330.00
Alpha Graphics	East Hampstead	NH	\$ 226.50
American Eagle Construction	Nashua	NH	\$ 69,630.22
American Red Cross	Concord	NH	\$ 2,581.00
American Striping	Chester	NH	\$ 15,708.45
American Tank Management, Inc.	Manchester	NH	\$ 630.00
American Thunder Fireworks Inc	No. Reading	MA	\$ 7,000.00
Amy Hazelton	Chester	NH	\$ 1,640.00
Anco Plumbing & Heating LLC	Chester	NH	\$ 1,900.00
Anderson Equipment Company	Philadelphia	PA	\$ 4,490.59
Armstrong Graphics	East Derry	NH	\$ 365.00
Arthur H. Sanborn	Chester	NH	\$ 5,780.00
Associated Concrete Coatings	Manchester	NH	\$ 1,400.00
ATS Equipment, Inc.	Candia	NH	\$ 2,310.50
Autumn Sky Yoga	Chester	NH	\$ 6,250.00
AW Direct	Janesville	WI	\$ 149.79
Bartlett Tree Experts	Stamford	CT	\$ 430.00
B-B Chain, Inc.	Milford	NH	\$ 979.00
Beltronics	Nashua	NH	\$ 2,400.00
Ben Franklin	Raymond	NH	\$ 327.43
Ben Meadows Co.	Chicago	IL	\$ 1,113.69
Ben's Uniforms	Amesbury	MA	\$ 1,291.97
Benson Lumber & Hardware	Derry	NH	\$ 661.49
Bergeron Protective Clothing	Epsom	NH	\$ 4,686.18

Vendor Payments - 2015

Town of Chester Vendor Payments July 1, 2014 - June 30, 2015

Vendor Name	City/Town	State	Amount
Bestway Disposal Services	Williston	VT	\$ 13.20
BK Electric	Chester	NH	\$ 24,559.20
Body Armor Outlet, LLC	Salem	NH	\$ 3,121.61
Border Area Mutual Aid	Manchester	NH	\$ 25.00
Boston Systems & Solutions, LLC	Plaistow	NH	\$ 27,897.50
Bound Tree Medical, LLC	Chicago	NH	\$ 4,679.29
BroadLink Technology Solutions LLC	Gonic	NH	\$ 760.00
Brox Industries	Dracut	MA	\$ 226,957.79
Bucovina Cuisines, LLC	Epping	NH	\$ 1,000.62
Business Management Systems	Franconia	NH	\$ 6,936.90
CAI Technologies	Littleton	NH	\$ 2,440.00
Card Tech ID	Epsom	NH	\$ 226.22
Carol Coppola & Associates	Candia	NH	\$ 9,262.50
Carparts of Derry	Plaistow	NH	\$ 3,016.22
Carrot-Top Industries, Inc.	Hillsborough	NC	\$ 244.14
CART	Londonderry	NH	\$ 6,019.00
Casella Waste Systems, Inc.	Williston	VT	\$ 3,552.97
Center for Life Management	Derry	NH	\$ 5,000.00
Central Garage Door Company	Pittsfield	NH	\$ 4,445.00
Chadwick-BaRoss	Westbrook	ME	\$ 30.14
Cheaper Than Dirt!	Fort Worth	TX	\$ 486.61
Chester Hardware & Garden	Chester	NH	\$ 275.16
Chester Police Assoc	Chester	NH	\$ 263.20
Chester Public Library, Treasurer	Chester	NH	\$ 169,704.43
Chester Senior Citizens	Chester	NH	\$ 10,000.00
Chestnut Cabinetry, LLC	Chester	NH	\$ 250.00
Child and Family Services	Manchester	NH	\$ 750.00
Circle T Car Wash	Manchester	NH	\$ 172.50
Citizens Bank	Providence	RI	\$ 18,128.10
CLCST Development, LLC	Auburn	NH	\$ 19,154.74
CMSg, LLC	Manchester	NH	\$ 300.00
Coca Cola Northern N.E.	Londonderry	NH	\$ 371.25
Colleen Towle	Chester	NH	\$ 432.00
Comcast	Newark	NJ	\$ 753.40
Comm Caregivers Gr. Derry	Derry	NH	\$ 2,250.00
Community Health Services Inc.	Derry	NH	\$ 2,000.00
Comstar, Inc.	Rowley	MA	\$ 223.34
Country Home Products, Inc.	Vergennes	VT	\$ 269.97
Crown Trophy	Hooksett	NH	\$ 296.49

Town of Chester Vendor Payments
July 1, 2014 - June 30, 2015

Vendor Name	City/Town	State	Amount
Crystal Rock LLC	Waterbury	CT	\$ 815.57
Cummins Northeast LLC	Boston	MA	\$ 100.00
Cynthia Robinson	Chester	NH	\$ 40.26
D & R Electronics	Bolton	ON	\$ 281.50
D.R. Guilbeault Air Compressor	Hudson	NH	\$ 543.82
Dan Merrill	Portland	ME	\$ 2,000.00
Daneau Trucking LLC	Derry	NH	\$ 15,784.60
Daniel Roberge	Chester	NH	\$ 135.00
Daniel's Equipment Co, Inc.	Auburn	NH	\$ 54.90
Dann Norris Batting	Chester	NH	\$ 1,113.75
Darrell F. Quinn, LLC	Chester	NH	\$ 406.88
Dave's Scrap Tire Removal	No. Reading	MA	\$ 222.50
Dave's Small Engine Repair	Raymond	NH	\$ 1,112.00
David J Holigan	Atkinson	NH	\$ 100.00
David Peter Laurin	White River Jct	VT	\$ 625.00
Debra Doda	Raymond	NH	\$ 5,394.45
Deluxe Business Checks	Cincinnati	OH	\$ 121.05
Denis Williams	Northwood	NH	\$ 313.00
Dermatec Direct	Tampa	FL	\$ 162.69
Derry Soccer Club	Derry	NH	\$ 1,306.00
Dianna Charron	Chester	NH	\$ 114.61
DiCroce Prosecution	Hampton	NH	\$ 14,000.00
Dillon Old Farm Nursery	Chester	NH	\$ 360.00
DM Lewis Landscaping	Candia	NH	\$ 7,562.50
Donahue, Tucker & Ciandella	Exeter	NH	\$ 19,864.85
Donovan Equipment Co., Inc.	Londonderry	NH	\$ 665.66
Dubois & King, Inc.	Randolph	VT	\$ 16,194.30
E & J Auto Parts	Derry	NH	\$ 273.34
Eagle Point Gun	Thorofare	NJ	\$ 2,938.20
East Coast Emergency Outfitter	Nashua	NH	\$ 289.99
East Coast Lumber	East Hampstead	NH	\$ 18,937.77
Eastern Analytical, Inc.	Concord	NH	\$ 324.00
Eddies Saw Service	East Derry	NH	\$ 1,793.25
Educational Critical Care Concept, LLC	Windham	NH	\$ 240.00
Election Source	Grand Rapids	MI	\$ 366.44
Elliot Hospital	Manchester	NH	\$ 280.90
Elm Research Institute	Keene	NH	\$ 1,328.25
Emerg .Educator's Group of NH	Danville	NH	\$ 642.00
Emergency Services Marketing	Dewitt	NY	\$ 23.38

Town of Chester Vendor Payments
July 1, 2014 - June 30, 2015

Vendor Name	City/Town	State	Amount
Empire Sheet Metal, Inc.	Manchester	NH	\$ 33,745.00
ESCO Awards	Salem	NH	\$ 1,281.55
Eversource (PSNH)	Dallas	TX	\$ 50,808.85
Expense Reimbursements	Chester	NH	\$ 12,314.10
Family Promise of Greater Rockingham County, Inc.	Derry	NH	\$ 3,000.00
FBI - LEEDA	Malvern	PA	\$ 50.00
Ferguson Waterworks	Colchester	VT	\$ 4,373.21
Fillmore Industries Inc.	Loudon	NH	\$ 26,525.72
Fire Tech & Safety of New England	Winthrop	ME	\$ 730.33
Firematic Supply Co. Inc.	Yapank	NY	\$ 620.50
First Student, Inc.	Chicago	IL	\$ 2,295.00
FirstLight Fiber	Williston	VT	\$ 66.31
Ford Motor Credit Company	Detroit	MI	\$ 16,802.05
Ford of Londonderry	Londonderry	NH	\$ 38,238.79
Formax,a Div.of Bescorp Inc.	Dover	NH	\$ 164.50
Formsgal	Portland	ME	\$ 430.71
Freightliner of NH Inc	Londonderry	NH	\$ 564.26
Friends RSVP	Concord	NH	\$ 100.00
G4 Communications Corp.	Bedford	NH	\$ 169.14
Gall's Inc.	Chicago	IL	\$ 822.99
GCR Tire Centers	Manchester	NH	\$ 2,546.28
George E. Sansoucy, P.E. LLC	Lancaster	NH	\$ 18,420.73
GJD Construction, LLC	Chester	NH	\$ 11,907.00
Glock Professional, Inc.	Smyrna	GA	\$ 250.00
Goulet Computer Consultants	Manchester	NH	\$ 1,001.00
Grainger	Paltine	IL	\$ 585.69
Granite Industrial Gases	Derry	NH	\$ 100.00
Granite State Analytical, Inc.	Derry	NH	\$ 5,062.50
Granite State Chapter, IAEI	Sandown	NH	\$ 175.00
Granite State Communications	Boston	MA	\$ 20,060.59
Granite State Elevator Inc.	Laconia	NH	\$ 155.00
Granite State Minerals, Inc.	Portsmouth	NH	\$ 82,595.88
Granite State Sewer and Drain Cleaning	Londonderry	NH	\$ 500.00
Granting Opportunities	Chester	NH	\$ 682.50
Gregsak Engineering, Inc.	Chester	NH	\$ 5,850.00
H.O.P. Sales & Service	Sandown	NH	\$ 229.00
Hamm Septic Services, Inc.	Hudson	NH	\$ 65,765.47
Hannaford Supermarkets	Atlanta	GA	\$ 1,000.00
Hartmann Crushed Stone	Exeter	NH	\$ 1,862.00

Town of Chester Vendor Payments
July 1, 2014 - June 30, 2015

Vendor Name	City/Town	State	Amount
Hartmann Oil & Propane	Exeter	NH	\$ 23,829.94
Hasler	Chester	NH	\$ 7,000.00
HealthTrust	Concord	NH	\$ 343,605.42
Heidi Murphy	N	MA	\$ 578.50
Henderson Welding	Fremont	NH	\$ 400.00
Henry K. White & Sons	Chester	NH	\$ 40,068.66
HLF Industries	Sandown	NH	\$ 7,962.95
Home Depot Credit Services	Des Moines	IA	\$ 859.30
Howard P. Fairfield, LLC	Boston	NH	\$ 2,237.15
IACP Net	St. Paul	MN	\$ 275.00
Industrial Chem Labs & Svc	Deer Park	NY	\$ 1,441.74
Industrial Protection Services	Wilmington	MA	\$ 504.72
Innovative Fire Training Solutions	Chester	NH	\$ 505.22
Installed Building Products, LLC	Columbus	OH	\$ 7,190.00
Interstate Arms Corp.	Billerica	MA	\$ 1,291.95
Interstate Emergency Unit	Stratham	NH	\$ 150.00
Interware Development Co. Inc	Mont Vernon	NH	\$ 10,346.80
Int'l Assn Chiefs of Police	Baltimore	MD	\$ 150.00
Int'l Assn of Fire Chiefs	Baltimore	MD	\$ 239.00
Int'l Code Council, Inc.	Chicago	IL	\$ 249.01
Jack Towle	Chester	NH	\$ 266.00
James R Rosencrantz & Sons Inc	East Kingston	NH	\$ 70.09
Janet Boyden	Chester	NH	\$ 483.67
Jean Packard	Chester	NH	\$ 59.22
John M. Ellsworth Co., Inc	Milwaukee	WI	\$ 1,919.28
Jordan Equipment Co.	W. Falmouth	ME	\$ 4,151.76
JR Pepper Electric Inc.	Chester	NH	\$ 8,561.00
Kathryn J Young	Chester	NH	\$ 195.00
Ken Sheldon	Hancock	NH	\$ 50.00
Kimberly A. Cremin	Chester	NH	\$ 3,700.00
Konica Minolta Business Solutions	Dallas	TX	\$ 1,125.84
Konica Minolta Premier Finance	St. Louis	MO	\$ 3,267.96
KS Statebank	Manhattan	KS	\$ 9,556.68
Lakes Region Fire Apparatus Inc	W. Ossipee	NH	\$ 1,917.19
Leading Edge Elevator & Mobility	Manchester	NH	\$ 2,350.00
Left-Tees Designs Bayou, LLC	Derry	NH	\$ 961.72
LHS Associates Inc.	Salem	NH	\$ 3,514.39
Lloyd Healey	Chester	NH	\$ 264.33
Lowe's PROX	Atlanta	GA	\$ 4,536.47

**Town of Chester Vendor Payments
July 1, 2014 - June 30, 2015**

Vendor Name	City/Town	State	Amount
LRC Fire Safety, LLC	Manchester	NH	\$ 1,483.25
Mackensen & Company, Inc.	Hampton	NH	\$ 3,555.19
MailFinance	Chicago	IL	\$ 959.40
Mailings Unlimited	Portland	ME	\$ 2,914.98
Manchester Foundations Co.	Auburn	NH	\$ 2,701.00
Marianne Duffy	Sandown	NH	\$ 107.86
Matthew Bender & Co. Inc.	Philadelphia	PA	\$ 721.35
Melanson, Heath & Company, PC	Nashua	NH	\$ 16,500.00
Mercedes-Benz Financial Svc	Atlanta	GA	\$ 37,405.56
Merrimack Valley Business Machines	N. Chelmsford	MA	\$ 500.00
MHQ Municipal Vehicles	Marlboro	MA	\$ 493.00
Michael A Babin	Chester	NH	\$ 10,826.67
Michael Piazza	Nahant	MA	\$ 385.00
Michael Stein	Chester	NH	\$ 1,730.00
Michelle Trodella	Derry	NH	\$ 195.00
Mill Letals Coroporation	Manchester	NH	\$ 461.70
Minuteman Trucks, Inc	Boston	MA	\$ 67.84
MLM Construction	Chester	NH	\$ 307,408.67
Moore Medical LLC	Chicago	IL	\$ 730.06
Motorola Solutions, Inc	Atlanta	GA	\$ 5,122.25
Municipal Resources Inc.	Meredith	NH	\$ 14,454.04
N.E. Assoc. of City/Town Clerks	Berlin	CT	\$ 25.00
N.E. State Police Info Network	Franklin	MA	\$ 50.00
National Fire Protection Association	Avon	MA	\$ 1,165.50
Nature's Best	Derry	NH	\$ 1,300.00
NE Emergency Apparatus LLC	Auburn	ME	\$ 320.80
Nelson Signs & Screenprinters	Auburn	NH	\$ 60.00
Neptune, Inc.	Haverhill	MA	\$ 2,050.55
New England Marine & Ind., Inc	Portsmouth	NH	\$ 1,037.84
New England Storm Water Mgmt	Westford	MA	\$ 1,780.00
NFPA	Manchester	NH	\$ 496.45
NH Association Of Assessing Officials	Concord	NH	\$ 20.00
NH Association Of Chiefs Of Police	Derry	NH	\$ 100.00
NH Association Of Conservation Commissions	Concord	NH	\$ 303.00
NH Association Of Fire Chiefs	Concord	NH	\$ 85.00
NH City & Town Clerks Assoc	Gilmanton	NH	\$ 20.00
NH Department of Revenue	Concord	NH	\$ 10.00
NH Fisher Cats	Manchester	NH	\$ 720.00
NH Local Welfare Adminitrators Association	Concord	NH	\$ 30.00

**Town of Chester Vendor Payments
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Vendor Name	City/Town	State	Amount
NH Municipal Association	Concord	NH	\$ 4,786.00
NH Preservation Alliance	Concord	NH	\$ 30.00
NH Retirement System	Boston	MA	\$ 260,079.11
NH Seacoast Code Officials Association	Durham	NH	\$ 25.00
NH Signs Incorporated	Londonderry	NH	\$ 620.00
NH State Firemen's Association	Concord	NH	\$ 660.00
NH Tax Collectors Association	Whitefield	NH	\$ 20.00
NHBOA	Concord	NH	\$ 165.00
NHCCM	Concord	NH	\$ 50.00
NHGFOA	Concord	NH	\$ 50.00
Nicolaisen Concrete	Sandown	NH	\$ 1,637.00
Nobis Engineering Inc	Concord	NH	\$ 9,615.73
Northeast Resourse Recovery Association	Epsom	NH	\$ 5,770.34
Northern Peabody, LLC	Manchester	NH	\$ 743.94
Northern Safety Co., Inc	Utica	NY	\$ 63.41
Noury Supply, Inc.	Manchester	NH	\$ 962.10
Nuco Industries, Inc.	Farmingdale	NY	\$ 256.89
Nutfield Publishing LLC	Londonderry	NH	\$ 1,575.00
OfficeTeam	Chicago	IL	\$ 750.55
Ossipee Mountain Electronics	Moultonboro	NH	\$ 110.55
Ouwkerk Plumbing & Heating	Chester	NH	\$ 18,120.70
Palmer Gas Co., Inc.	N. Salem	NH	\$ 64,248.88
Patricia Tymoniewicz	Wells	ME	\$ 439.20
PB Electronics Inc.	Shepherdsville	KY	\$ 250.50
Pelmac Industries, Inc.	Auburn	NH	\$ 114.80
People's United Bank	Brattleboro	VT	\$ 57,625.00
Peter J. Epstein	Boston	MA	\$ 400.00
Petra Paving, Inc.	Hampstead	NH	\$ 16,411.00
Physio-Control Inc	Chicago	IL	\$ 2,160.00
Pinard Waste Sysems, Inc	Manchester	NH	\$ 2,395.02
PopTops Co., Inc.	So. Easton	MA	\$ 2,333.06
Port Lighting Systems	Seabrook	NH	\$ 234.50
Postmaster of Chester	Chester	NH	\$ 2,691.08
Power Up Generator Service Co	Auburn	NH	\$ 480.00
Premier Glass & Glazing LLC	Brentwood	NH	\$ 348.36
Property Liabilty Trust, Inc.	Concord	NH	\$ 98,565.61
Psychotherapy Associates	Rochester	NH	\$ 1,000.00
Raymond Recreation	Raymond	NH	\$ 250.00
Redimix Corp.	Boston	MA	\$ 7,776.50

Town of Chester Vendor Payments
July 1, 2014 - June 30, 2015

Vendor Name	City/Town	State	Amount
Refund - Kitchen deposits	Chester	NH	\$ 150.00
Refund - Tax abatements	Chester	NH	\$ 1,417.09
Refund - Tax overpayments	Chester	NH	\$ 33,615.96
Reliable Equipment, LLC	Manchester	NH	\$ 850.00
Remi-Sons, Inc.	Derry	NH	\$ 102,530.00
Richard Bellemore	Chester	NH	\$ 5,313.20
Rockingham Community Action	Portsmouth	NH	\$ 3,712.00
Rockingham County Conservation District	Brentwood	NH	\$ 512.50
Rockingham County Register Of Deeds	Kingston	NH	\$ 914.69
Rockingham County Treasurer	Brentwood	NH	\$ 516,774.00
Rockingham Nutrition & Meals	Brentwood	NH	\$ 650.00
RSG Auto Repair, LLC	Chester	NH	\$ 1,621.60
S&W Healthcare	Brooksville	FL	\$ 76.60
S.E.N.H.H.M.M.A.D.	Windham	NH	\$ 5,912.85
Safariland LLC	Atlanta	GA	\$ 125.63
Sams Club	Atlanta	GA	\$ 737.19
SBA Towers II LLC	Atlanta	NH	\$ 1,026.12
Scruffy's Auto Repair and More Chester	Chester	NH	\$ 3,378.00
Seacoast Chief Fire Officers	Hampton	NH	\$ 100.00
Seacoast Child Advocacy	Portsmouth	NH	\$ 100.00
Seacoast Vacuum Cleaner	Plaistow	NH	\$ 684.92
Sexual Assault Support Service	Portsmouth	NH	\$ 1,000.00
Sharon DeLuca	Derry	NH	\$ 400.00
Signature Digital Imaging	Hooksett	NH	\$ 12.60
Sir Speedy Printing Center	Manchester	NH	\$ 1,328.67
Sommers Lawn Maintenance	Chester	NH	\$ 28,708.17
Sonshine Soup Kitchen	Derry	NH	\$ 800.00
Soule, Leslie, Kidder...PLLC	Salem	NH	\$ 22,133.95
Southeast Land Trust	Exeter	NH	\$ 50.00
Southern NH Planning Commission	Manchester	NH	\$ 22,830.28
Staff Hunters, LLC	Portsmouth	NH	\$ 3,315.60
Staples Advantage	Boston	MA	\$ 3,341.26
State of NH - Dept of Safety	Concord	NH	\$ 1,407.00
State of NH - Corrections	Concord	NH	\$ 2,954.38
State of NH - Dept of Agriculture	Concord	NH	\$ 3,102.50
State of NH - DOT	Concord	NH	\$ 7,881.06
State of NH - Inspections	Concord	NH	\$ 450.00
State of NH - Miscellaneous	Concord	NH	\$ 253.60
State of NH - Parks Division	Concord	NH	\$ 135.00

**Town of Chester Vendor Payments
July 1, 2014 - June 30, 2015**

Vendor Name	City/Town	State	Amount
State of NH - Vital records	Concord	NH	\$ 1,130.00
State of NH - Waste Management Div	Concord	NH	\$ 100.00
State of NH - Water Division	Concord	NH	\$ 800.00
Steven Turner	Kingston	NH	\$ 300.00
Stone Hill Municipal Solutions	Rochester	NH	\$ 50,820.00
Stone Machine Company, Inc.	Chester	NH	\$ 150.00
Sullivan Tire	Derry	NH	\$ 144.72
Summit Supply Corp	Brentwood	NH	\$ 913.35
Sumner Brook Fish Farm	Ossipee	NH	\$ 587.00
SunTrust Equipment Finance & Leasing Co.	Baltimore	MD	\$ 52,019.66
Taser International Inc.	Phoenix	AZ	\$ 2,178.06
Terminix International	Cincinnati	OH	\$ 2,630.00
The Cascade Affiliates, Inc.	Rancho Cascades	CA	\$ 280.00
The Doctor's Office	Manchester	NH	\$ 1,615.00
The Scott Lawson Group, LTD	Concord	NH	\$ 1,200.00
The Trailer Place	Kingston	NH	\$ 215.00
The Upper Room	Derry	NH	\$ 1,000.00
Theodore P. Scott	Chester	NH	\$ 6,840.00
Town of Chester- Town Clerk	Chester	NH	\$ 86.95
Town of Danville	Danville	NH	\$ 1,726.69
Town of Derry	Derry	NH	\$ 92,715.00
Town of Plaistow	Plaistow	NH	\$ 1,379.16
Tractor Supply Credit Plan	Des Moines	IA	\$ 1,220.01
Triangle Portable Service	Derry	NH	\$ 3,661.30
TriTech Software Systems	Dallas	TX	\$ 4,515.00
TruGreen Limited Partnership	Londonderry	NH	\$ 835.00
Trustee of Trust fund disbursements	Chester	NH	\$ 11,648.78
Trustees of Trust Funds	Chester	NH	\$ 187,263.42
TXC, Inc.	Salem	NH	\$ 8,885.45
UNH Technology Transfer Center	Durham	NH	\$ 200.00
Union Leader Corp.	Manchester	NH	\$ 376.73
University of Louisville	Louisville	KY	\$ 1,390.00
Verizon Wireless	Albany	NY	\$ 5,479.94
Verizon Wireless - Lifepaks	Albany	NY	\$ 408.40
Vern Evans	Chester	NH	\$ 120.00
Vision Government Solutions	Boston	MA	\$ 3,500.00
W.D. Perkins	Merrimack	NH	\$ 4,556.81
Wadleigh Starr & Peters	Manchester	NH	\$ 46,926.02
Walmart	Derry	NH	\$ 400.00

Vendor Payments - 2015

Town of Chester Vendor Payments July 1, 2014 - June 30, 2015

Vendor Name	City/Town	State	Amount
Waste Management of NH	Philadelphia	PA	\$ 61,714.57
WatchGuard Video	Dallas	TX	\$ 7,365.00
WB Mason Company, Inc	Boston	MA	\$ 9,057.76
Welfare direct assistance	Chester	NH	\$ 4,769.70
William Wright	Chester	NH	\$ 245.00
Wood's CRW Corp of NH	Hooksett	NH	\$ 645.61
Xerox Business Services, LLC	Dallas	TX	\$ 2,570.00
Your Variety	Chester	NH	\$ 6,502.25
			\$ 4,113,261.90

Tax Collector's Report 2015

Tax Collector

Annual Report

As of June 30, 2015

	Fiscal Year 2015	Fiscal Year 2014 & 2013
Uncollected Taxes		
Beginning of Fiscal Year		
Property Tax		\$1,326,129.72
Land Use Change Tax		\$0.00
Timber Yield Taxes		\$5,405.00
Excavation Tax \$.02/yd.		\$493.00
Taxes Committed to Collector		
Property Tax	\$6,208,785.00	\$6,097,210.00
Land Use Change Tax	\$46,000.00	\$149,495.00
Timber Yield Taxes	\$4,770.00	\$5,114.00
Excavatiuon Tax \$.02/yd.	\$674.00	\$0.00
Costs & Penalties	\$0.00	\$0.00
Other Charges	\$0.00	\$0.00
Overpayment		
Property Tax (Refunds)	\$21,500.41	\$23,195.22
Other Tax (Refunds)	\$0.00	\$32.53
Interest & Fees Collected on Delinquent Taxes	\$0.00	\$54,540.92
Total Debits	\$6,281,729.41	\$7,661,615.39

Respectfully Submitted:

Erin M. Newnan

Tax Collector

Tax Collector's Report 2015

Tax Collector

Annual Report

As of June 30, 2015

	Fiscal Year 2015	Fiscal Year 2014
Remitted to Treasurer During Year		
Property Tax	\$3,403,935.60	\$7,309,242.34
Land Use Change Tax	\$1,000.00	\$97,026.60
Timber Yield Taxes	\$2,956.00	\$10,519.93
Interest	\$0.00	\$28,405.01
Excavation Tax @ \$.02/yd.	\$0.00	\$493.00
Conversion to Lien	\$45,000.00	\$191,138.40
Costs & Penalties	\$0.00	\$23,209.44
Other Charges	\$0.00	\$0.00
Abatements Made		
Property Tax	\$0.00	\$1,461.67
Current Levy Deeded	\$0.00	\$0.00
Other Taxes	\$0.00	\$119.00
Uncollected Taxes End of Year		
Property Tax	\$2,826,436.64	\$0.00
Land Use Change Tax	\$0.00	\$0.00
Timber Yield Tax	\$1,814.00	\$0.00
Excavation Tax @ \$.02/yd.	\$674.00	\$0.00
Property Tax Credit Balance	-\$86.83	\$0.00
Other Charges	\$0.00	\$0.00
Total Credits	\$6,281,729.41	\$7,661,615.39

Respectfully Submitted:

Erin M. Newnan

Tax Collector

Tax Collector's Report 2015

Summary of Tax Lien Accounts

Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2015

	Fiscal Year 2014/2013	Fiscal Year 2012/2011
Debits		
Unredeemed Liens Beginning of Year	\$105,649.57	\$49,762.83
Liens Executed During Year	\$263,637.41	\$15,374.43
Interest & Costs Collected After Lien Executed	\$11,285.70	\$13,361.87
Total Debits	\$380,572.68	\$78,499.13
Credits		
Remittance to Treasurer		
Redemptions	\$75,426.72	\$35,482.30
Interest & Costs (After Lien Execution)	\$9,342.40	\$13,641.53
Abatements of Unredeemed Taxes	\$0.00	\$128.22
Liens Deeded to Town	\$240.16	\$200.78
Unredeemed Liens Balance End of Year	\$295,563.40	\$29,046.30
Total Credits	\$380,572.68	\$78,499.13

Respectfully Submitted:

Erin M. Newnan

Tax Collector

**Town Clerk
Annual Report
As of June 30, 2015**

Motor Vehicle Permits and Titles	\$936,573.76
Dog Licenses and Fines	\$18,787.60
Marriage Licenses and Vital Records	\$1,620.00
UCC Filings and Miscellaneous Fines	\$1,273.48
Remitted to State for plates & stickers	<u>\$316,972.55</u>
Total Net Receipts:	\$1,275,227.39

Respectfully Submitted,
Erin M. Newnan
Acting Town Clerk/Tax Collector

**Annual Report
Budget Committee**

Contact: Michael A. Weider, Chairman
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Monthly Meetings – 2nd
Monday of the Month, 7 PM,
Meeting Room

To the Citizens of Chester:

Operating under the State of New Hampshire RSA Chapter 32, the Chester Municipal Budget Committee is charged with assisting the voting public in the prudent appropriation of funds for the Town of Chester. The Budget Committee (BC) is the legislative body's appropriations committee balancing the needs of the town, the school district and the taxpayers.

The BC continues its concern over the lack of timely communication from the Board of Selectmen (BOS). There is an entire year after the annual Town Meeting before the next, yet the BC finds itself with only days prior to the Public Hearing with budget numbers and warrant articles still in fluctuation. This has occurred year over year for at least the past decade and must change going forward to provide adequate time for proper analysis of all budget line items and warrant articles.

On February 17th of this year, the BC received an initial proposed operating budget from the BOS in the amount of \$4,165,528 before debt. Last year's budget, as amended at town meeting, before debt was \$3,912,180. That is an increase in spending before debt over last year's approved operating budget in the amount of \$253,348 or nearly a 6.48 percent increase. This year, \$30,896 in debt was retired, and as had occurred with the previous year's retired debt of \$222,748, this year's was also absorbed into the Selectmen's proposed annual operating budget.

Extensive analysis of the 2016/17 budget again revealed numerous opportunities for various line items to be recommended for movement to the Capital Improvement Program (CIP). The dollar amount of these entries came to a total of \$220,069.

The BOS and BC are in agreement that the CIP not only offers great value by capturing fees assessed on new construction but also a long term planning solution for addressing the town's commitment to improving roads, the preservation of its numerous buildings as well as refreshing equipment necessary for public safety.

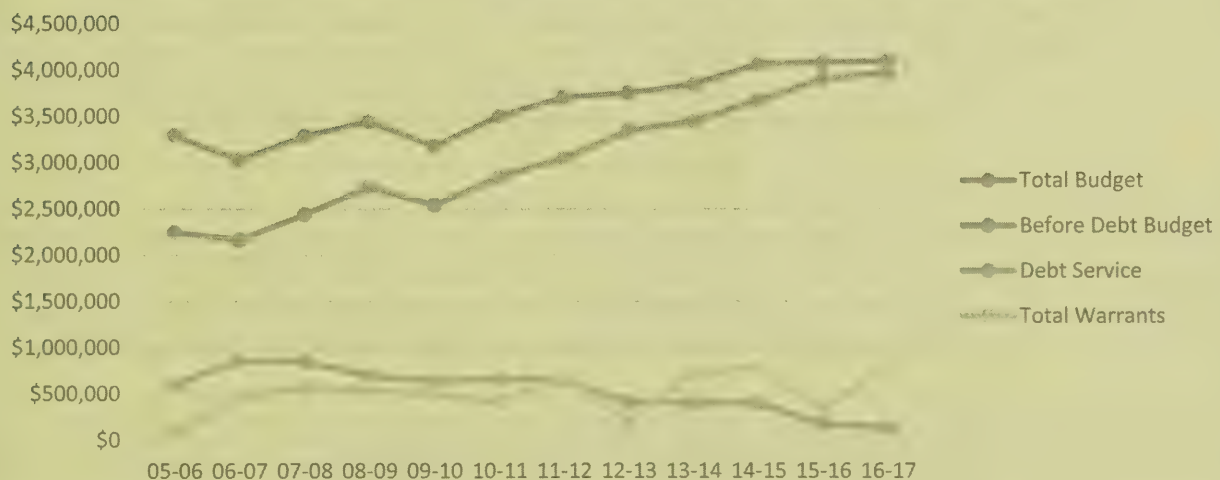
The BC requested and participated in several meetings with the BOS to reach an agreement to accomplish the goal of moving forward both with the annual budget and CIP that could stabilize taxes in the coming years while addressing the needs of the town of Chester. As a result, the agreement between the BOS and BC of \$220,069 was removed from 2016/17 proposed annual operating budget. These funds are part of the proposed funding of this year's CIP (warrant article #9 CIP Projects).

Recognizing that the Town of Chester had fallen behind on a number of Capital Improvements, such as roads, equipment and building improvements, the BC and BOS this year agreed to request funding of \$800,000 as proposed in warrant article #8 (CIP). We recognize that this amount will have an effect on property taxes, however, moving forward, the CIP process should have a stabilizing effect on the town's annual appropriations. The commitment to this new plan ensures that virtually all capital spending is funneled through the CIP. More importantly, the commitment to this approach will encourage department heads to engage in long term planning.

After much discussion and analysis within the BC and negotiation with the BOS, the final recommended 2016/17 proposed Town Budget from both the BOS and the BC is \$4,103,063 representing a 0.48 percent increase.

Budget and Warrant Article History 12 Years 05-06 thru 16-17

To assist you in tracking Budget trends we have included the chart below.
Note: Budget year 16-17 is projected pending finalization at Town Meeting.



As always, the Budget Committee invites the voters and taxpayers to participate in the process of reviewing and analyzing the Town of Chester's operating budget, warrant articles, and bond requests. The goal is to carry out this review and analysis in an effective, transparent, and fiscally responsible manner.

We welcome your attendance and input at our Budget Committee meetings and encourage your participation at public hearings. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact any of the Committee members.

Respectfully Submitted,

Chester Budget Committee

Michael Weider (2017), Chairman
Chuck Heuer (2018)
Cass Buckley (2017)
Richard Trask, *ex-officio* Board of Selectmen

Rhonda Lamphere (2018), Vice Chairman
Stephen D'Angelo (2017)
Ephraim Dobbins (2016)
Michael Romick, *ex-officio*, School Board

Town Clerk/Tax Collector's Report

Contact: Erin M. Newnan, Acting Town Clerk/Tax Collector

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Window Hours: Monday through Friday 8:00am to 12:30pm

Tuesday evening 4:00pm to 7:00pm

In December, we wished Barbara Gagnon well as she retired as our Town Clerk/Tax Collector for the past 40 years. For residents who have been in town for a while, you know how far she took this office. From a time when the office was located in a very small room at Steven's Memorial Hall, records were hand-written, and payment was made with cash or checks to the present day when systems are computerized and we can pay with a credit card. Having walked a day in your shoes now, Barbara, I can appreciate just how much you have done for Chester, and we thank you!

So, a lot of changes are happening in the Town Clerk/Tax Collector's office. In January, I changed the counter hours so that we would be open Tuesday evenings from 4:00pm to 7:00pm. The evening hours have been very popular and we thank you all for accepting this change. I would also like to thank you for your patience as both Barbara Cannon, our Assistant Town Clerk/Tax Collector and I are both new to the office. We are attending trainings and doing a lot of reading to bring ourselves up to speed on the many systems we administer throughout the day. You have been gracious and encouraging. We couldn't ask for more.

Some great resources are available online on the Town Clerk/Taxes page of www.chesternh.org. You can access forms for voting there, renew your car registration, pay your property taxes or get a statement of your account, pay fines and parking tickets, and license your dog. I will use the website to provide information on important dates and happenings at the Town Clerk's office. Make it a favorite to access on a regular basis, especially if you are planning to come in, so you will know what documents you need to bring. Please have your driver's license with you. Even if we know you, we need your license to process our paperwork as the State requires.

Do you have a dog? All dogs must be licensed by April 30th each year and new dogs must be licensed as soon as your veterinarian gives your puppy their first rabies shot to avoid the added expense of receiving a civil forfeiture for not licensing your dogs. We start licensing dogs in January to allow for ample time to get this done before the April 30th deadline. This is required in accordance with NH RSA 466 and is administered by this office and the Police Department.

In 2016/2017, you can expect a couple of changes. We will have a full-time Deputy Clerk. As a result, we will be able to provide the Town with additional counter hours and the continuity that this office requires. We will have received our training on Vital Records and will be able to offer this service again. Keep an eye on my website for when these changes will happen. We look forward to serving you.

Respectfully submitted,

Erin M. Newnan, Acting Town Clerk/Tax Collector

**Supervisors of the Checklist
Annual Report**

Contact: Dianna Charron, Chair
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Our 2015-2016 year was a busy one for us. Along with the regular Town Elections, Town Meeting, and School District Meeting, we had the Presidential Primary on February 9, 2016. As usual, Chester voters came out to vote with 60% of our registered voters voting in the Primary election. 2,163 votes were cast.

We registered 341 new voters this past year, giving us a total of 3,579 voters. 688 of these are Democrats, 1,512 are Republicans, and 1,379 are Undeclared. We held several sessions to register voters, including going over to Pinkerton Academy to register the seniors who qualified to vote in the Primary election.

You may register to vote at one of our posted meetings or with the Town Clerk's office during her regular business hours up until 10 days before an election. You may also register to vote at the polls on Election Day. To qualify, you must be a US citizen and bring both proof of citizenship (birth certificate, passport, etc.) and proof of residency and your driver's license or other photo ID with you.

If you have any questions, please contact us at diannacharron@comcast.net or 887-2172 as we do not hold regular hours at our office at 84 Chester Street.

September 13, 2016 will be the NH State Primary Election, and the State and Presidential Election will be held November 8, 2016, so we will have a very busy fall. If you have time and would like to work at the polls as a ballot clerk, please call and let us know. We need poll workers, especially for the State and Federal elections. Many of our ballot clerks have retired and we are trying to recruit replacements for them.

Many thanks to Sally St. Clair and Brian Gordon for their many years of working with us.

Supervisors of the Checklist

Dianna Charron, Chair
Leslie Packard
Kathy Burke

Finance Department
Fiscal Year 2015-2016

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I am pleased to submit the Annual Report of the Finance Department for the Town of Chester to taxpayers and residents. The Finance Department outsources the overall financial management functions of the Department to Stone Hill Municipal Solutions for its employment of our Finance Director. We bring many years of experience in municipal finance and management to the Town. It is a pleasure to work with the staff and elected officials each year.

The Finance Department is charged with the management of all financial matters of the Town from vendor payments, payroll processing, cash management and account reconciliation to establishing internal control procedures, thereby mitigating financial risk for the community. Through the cooperation of all departments, the Town again had a pre-audit in June with the final audit work being completed during the last week of August and the first week of September.

The Town's Fund Balance as of June 30, 2015 was \$1,738,027- approximately 12% of the State recommended 8%-17% of regular, operating expenditures. At the 2015 Town Meeting, townspeople voted to take \$235,000 (Article #5 – MPR Floor - \$35,000 and Article #23 – CIP - \$200,000) from the Fund Balance. The Board of Selectmen did not allocate any monies from the general fund balance to offset the tax rate for the 2015/2016 tax bills.

The tax rate was confirmed on October 23, 2015 and the first half tax bills mailed from the Tax Collector's office with a due date of December 1, 2015. Through the continued cooperation of the Town and School, we were again able to negate the need for a Tax Anticipation Note (TAN), thus saving the interest and costs from the Note.

As of this writing, the Finance Department is working on two projects. One is obtaining quotes for Health/Dental Insurance as changes are coming with the current plan addressing the new regulations with the Affordable Care Act and potential "Cadillac Tax" to the Town. The second project is getting quotes for Property/Liability insurance as NH Property Liability Trust will no longer be providing insurance services as of July 1, 2016.

The Finance Department strives for efficiency and transparency in its undertakings on behalf of the Town. Our goals include promoting and improving financial management, increasing the productivity of the Department, strengthening internal control, and updating and establishing proper financial policies and procedures while facilitating the professional growth of our dedicated staff.

In closing, I wish to acknowledge and to thank the Town's Bookkeeper, Marianne Duffy, and all departments for their continued support and cooperation.

Respectfully Submitted,
Joanne Smith, Finance Director

Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer has duties established by state statute. In part, the statute, RSA 41:29, states that "The Town Treasurer shall have custody of all moneys belonging to the Town, and shall pay out the same only upon orders of the Selectmen...." These moneys are made up of property tax collections and various fees charged for services. When authorized by the Selectmen, the Treasurer pays out funds for current operating expenses and capital expenses (debt). The Treasurer must maintain enough liquidity to meet the everyday obligations of the Town, and invest surplus cash in risk-free investments. At times, the balance in the general fund can be substantial (when semi-annual property taxes are collected). Interest rates have risen slightly over the past few years, but are still at a near-zero rate resulting in low returns on investments. Because the investments of the Town must be 100% guaranteed, investment opportunities are limited. The balance in the General Fund generally exceeds the FDIC insurance limits. A collateralization procedure is used by the Town's bank so that all of the Town's funds are always secure. Our bank purchases US Government securities in the Town's name for 102% of the current balance. The balances are monitored and the collateralization is adjusted on a weekly basis.

Since my last report in 2015, the Town has changed financial institutions. Our new bank, TD Bank, is providing levels of fraud prevention for the Town's General Fund that were not available to us from our previous bank, without incurring substantial fees. Each week when an Accounts Payable or Payroll manifest is created, a file with the same data is sent to the bank. When a check is presented for payment, the check is matched to the data in the file. If no matching data is in the file, the Town is immediately notified via e mail to the Treasurer, Finance Director, and the Town's Bookkeeper. This transaction can then be approved or denied before payment is made.

Another change that has taken place with our new bank, is the ability to scan all payments made to the Town by check. This convenient service allows all collections to be deposited and be readily available to the Town without multiple weekly trips to a bank branch. Cash must still be taken to the bank for deposit.

The Treasurer also has custody of Fair Share Contributions (impact fees) that are collected on the construction of new homes. All funds collected must be properly identified and promptly deposited in individual, interest bearing accounts. The town is currently collecting impact fees for Highways and Recreation. The Planning Board has approved the methodology (formula) for assessing impact fees for the Police and Fire Departments, although no fees for these departments have been collected as of this date. The following chart gives a summary of fees collected to date:

Impact Fee	# of Fees Collected 2011-Current	Total Amount Collected	Interest Earnings	Total	Withdrawals	Total on Deposit
Highway	12	12,984.00	18.70	13,002.70	0	13,002.70

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Recreation	12	16,836.00	24.63	16,860.63	0	16,860.63
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With careful oversight by the Finance Department and the Treasurer, the Town was able to meet all of its obligations, to the School District, County, Vendors, and Employees on a timely schedule without borrowing money in anticipation of property tax collections again this year.

The following schedule of Town accounts shows the balances as of the last fiscal year end (June, 2015) and eight months into the current fiscal year:

Treasurer's Report Statement of Account Balances

	Balance 6/30/2015	Balance 2/29/2016
General Fund		
Checking	\$319,057.92	\$5,882,632.54
Investment	\$3,673,400.16	\$00.00
Target Balance	\$250,000	\$250,000
Credit Card/ACH	\$192,930.54	\$63,127.54
Total General Fund	\$4,435,388.62	\$6,195,760.08
Agricultural Commission	\$28.07	\$73.10
Conservation-General Acct	\$335,341	\$416,846.93
Conservation-Forestry	\$33,552.53	\$33,585.06
CC-Lincoln Lane Foot Bridge	\$3,008.76	\$3,011.68
Fire Dept.-Special Details	\$4,116.98	\$6,761.53
Impact Fees	\$29,863.33	\$21,167.38
Off Site Fees	\$51,457.66	\$47,610.84
PACT	\$70,932.30	\$37,610.80
Police Dept.-Drug Forfeiture	\$188.93	\$.54
Police Dept.-Special Details	\$60,543.78	\$59,191.66
Recreation	\$49,219.78	\$59,188.88
Road Surety-Abdallah Construction	\$3,423.83	\$3,427.15
Total	\$641,676.95	\$688,475.55

Respectfully submitted,

Rhonda Lamphere, Treasurer
My term expires in 2017

Trustees of the Trust Funds

Annual Report Fiscal Year 2014-2015

Your Trustees of Chester's Trust Funds meet regularly throughout the year to monitor the performance of the trust funds and capital reserve funds that are invested to the benefit of various town departments and organizations. These funds are invested in accordance with New Hampshire RSA's and with the investment policies of the Town of Chester.

The Trustees work with and are advised by an accredited professional financial firm to make certain that:

- 1) New funds are promptly set up in accordance with State laws, and
- 2) Additional funds coming forward to the benefit of any existing fund are promptly invested to return the maximum, prudently-available return, while striving to protect the principal from devaluation.

Additionally, the Trustees file all required annual reports with the State of New Hampshire and provide complete information on the funds to the Board of Selectmen through the Town's Finance Director, to the Budget Committee and to the Town's auditing firm. Also, the Trustees are available to the fund beneficiaries as well as to the general public throughout the year.

The funds that are overseen by the Trustees consist of Trust Funds and Capital Reserve Funds.

The Trust Funds consist of the Cemetery Perpetual Care Trusts, the Fire Department Trusts, the Public and School Library Trusts, and the Town Poor Trusts, more commonly called the Wilcomb-Townsend Trusts. The Trust Funds were all funded by private donations to the specific fund.

The Capital Reserve Funds are those funds that are instituted by vote of the Town legislative body at the annual Town Meetings. They are generally used to set money aside for anticipated or unanticipated needs in order to reduce swings in the annual budget.

In the past several years, improvements in equity markets have increased the value of the Trust Funds. The board has monitored this appreciation of the equity component of the Trusts and directed our agent to rebalance the portfolio based on our investment policy. Separate from equities, almost all of the Trust Fund and Capital Reserve Fund distributions come from interest on fixed income and money market investments. Working with our investment advisor over the last year, the Trustees have been able to increase our return on these securities even in these times of very low interest rates. For some beneficiaries of the Trusts, their distribution has grown as much as several thousand dollars year over year.

At the 2015 annual Town Meeting, your Board of Trustees asked for and received permission by vote on a warrant article to pay for bookkeeping services by direct deduction from the proceeds from the investment of the Town's Capital Reserve Funds. This warrant article was submitted at Town Meeting on the advice of our investment advisor and the State's Attorney General's office.

We wish to thank you for supporting us with this vote. Even though we do not intend to pay for the services by this method in the foreseeable future, it gives us the flexibility to do so should it become advantageous at some other time.

The Trustee's funding request is considerably more this year than in the past because we have decided to pay for the bookkeeping and adviser services for both Capital Reserve and Trust Funds through our annual budget as opposed to deduction from proceeds of the Funds as was done in the past. Your Board of Trustees believes that this method is both more transparent and a cleaner bookkeeping method.

The current reserves and brief reason for origination are as follows, chronologically by year of inception:

1991	Chester Fire Department Capital Expenditures
2007	Municipal Complex Improvements Capital Expenditures
2007	Wason Pond Recreation Capital Expenditures
2007	Winter Road Maintenance - For heavy winter expenses that exceeds annual amount budgeted
2008	Mosquito Trapping Capital Expenditures
2008	Building Improvement Fund Capital Expenditures
2008	Equipment and Vehicles Capital Expenditures
2009	Revaluation Capital Expenditures
2010	North Pond Rd. Upgrade Capital Expenditures
2012	Unanticipated Building Maintenance - For unforeseen repairs not accounted for in the annual budget
2013	Cemetery Maintenance Fund -To facilitate Village Cemetery Trustees' bookkeeping
2013	Capital Improvement Plan - To fund the Capital Improvement Plan
2013	Commemorative Monument Fund - For a monument to highly-valued citizens
2013	300th Anniversary Fund -To fund Chester's upcoming 300th Anniversary celebration
2015	Highway Block Grant – Road maintenance

Complete detail of all these Funds is found elsewhere in your Annual Town Report.

Respectfully submitted,

Trustees of the Trust Funds

Colin Costine 2016
Ephraim Dobbins 2016
James Hoffman 2017

Dated: March 7, 2016

Assessing Department

Well, that five years flew by! We are currently in a revaluation year. The State of NH Department of Revenue requires towns to conduct a revaluation of all properties every five years per RSA 75:8-A. 2016 is our year. The Town chose to once again conduct a statistical revaluation. During a statistical revaluation, two years' worth of sales that have occurred in Chester are viewed and analyzed. Statistical baselines are calculated from this data. These new baselines, derived from the sales, are then applied to every property in our software system – thus creating new values – which satisfies our requirement to revalue all property. We expect these new values to be reflected on the final tax bill for 2016.

This revaluation is being conducted by our already contracted assessing company, Municipal Resources, Inc. MRI had expanded their scope of services to include revaluation work, so the town took advantage and extended our yearly contract with them to include the service. This has enabled the town to incur a lesser cost which has in turn eliminated the need for a Warrant Article to fund revaluation this year. A savings of \$15,000 to the taxpayers this year!

It is requested that if any of the assessors come to your property, you support the Town's efforts to keep assessments equitable and fair by answering their questions and allowing them to measure and list (describe) your improvements.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to call, email or come into the office and we will be happy to answer and assist. Please be aware that the Assessing staff is out of the office at times to conduct property inspections and information may not be available immediately.

All of our properties are on-line and can be viewed through a link on the Town's website: www.chesternh.org. Vision Government Solutions is our webhost and can be accessed directly at: www.vgsi.com.

Department Contact Information:

Jean Packard, Assistant Assessor

Phone : (603) 887-4045

Fax : (603) 887-4404

E-Mail : chesterassr@gsinet.net

Current Tax Rate 2015: \$24.64 per thousand

Equalization Ratio for 2015: 91 %

Zoning R1 – Minimum Lot size 2 Acres, 290' Frontage

Assessing Department TYPES OF TAX EXEMPTIONS / CREDITS

ELDERLY EXEMPTION

Reduction off assessed valuation

AMOUNT	REQUIRED AGE	INCOME LIMITATION	ASSET LIMITS
\$110,000	65 TO 74	Not in excess of:	Not in excess of \$300,000
\$140,000	75 TO 79	\$30,000 Single	excluding the value of the
\$170,000	80 AND UP	\$60,000 married	residence and up to 2 acres of land

Taxpayer must also be resident of New Hampshire for 5 years and own and occupy real estate individually or jointly. If real estate is owned by spouse, they have to have been married for at least 5 years.

PERMANENTLY DISABLED

Reduction off assessed valuation	\$110,000	Same income and asset limitations as elderly exemption. Taxpayer must be deemed disabled by the Social Security Administration and receiving benefits.
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BLIND EXEMPTION

Reduction off assessed valuation	\$30,000	Every inhabitant owning residential real estate who is legally blind, as determined by the administrator of blind services of the vocational rehabilitation division of the education department
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VETERANS CREDITS

Surviving Spouse – Tax Credit	\$2,000	The surviving unmarried spouse of any person who was killed or died while on active duty in the armed forces as listed in RSA 72:28.
Service-Connected Disability Tax Credit	\$2,000	Any person who has been honorably discharged and received a form DD-214, and who has a total and permanent service connected disability, or is a double amputee or paraplegic because of the service-connected injury, or the surviving spouse of such a person if such surviving spouse has not remarried.
Standard – Tax Credit	\$500	Every resident who served in the armed forces in any of the qualifying wars or armed conflicts, as listed in RSA 72:28, and was honorably discharged; or the spouse/surviving spouse of such resident.

Qualifying Awards for the Veterans' Tax Credit For Wars or Conflicts after May 8, 1975

List provided by NH State Veterans Council

Any of the following medals shall be considered a "theater of operations service medal" for the purposes of qualifying a veteran for the Veterans' Tax Credit in RSA 72:28. Typically, the medal will appear on the discharge papers (such as the DD214), except for those who earned the medal, but were discharged prior to the award. There must be documentation to qualify.

- Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal
- Navy Expeditionary Medal
- Marine Corps Expeditionary Medal
- Southwest Asia Service Medal
- Kuwait Liberation Medal
- Kosovo Campaign Medal
- Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal
- Afghanistan Campaign Medal
- Iraq Campaign Medal

In addition, in the absence of evidence to the contrary, the award of the following decorations shall also be considered evidence of a veteran's combat service and qualification for the Veterans' Tax Credit:

Reference: "V" Device: "V" stands for Valor, and it is awarded to denote combat service.

If so specified, the medal must have the "V" Device to be valid.

- Air Force Cross
- Air Force Outstanding Unit Award **with "V" Device**
- Air Medal **with "V" Device**
- Army Commendation Medal **with "V" Device**
- Bronze Star Medal **with "V" Device**
- Combat Action Ribbon
- Combat Infantryman Badge
- Combat Medical Badge
- Combat Aircrew Insignia
- Distinguished Flying Cross
- Distinguished Service Cross
- Joint Service Commendation Medal **with "V" Device**
- Medal of Honor
- Navy Commendation Medal **with "V" Device**
- Navy Cross
- Purple Heart
- Silver Star

Current as of: April 25, 2005

Website www.nh.gov/revenue/property_tax references this list and the **Veterans Qualifying Discharge Papers list**.

Planning Board Report Fiscal Year 2015-2016

Contact: Andrew L. Hadik, Planning Coordinator
Phone: (603) 887-5629
FAX: (603) 887-4404
E-mail: chstrpl@gsinet.net

Board Meetings on Noticed
Wednesdays at 7:00 PM
Main Meeting Room
84 Chester Street

Southern New Hampshire Planning Commission

The Southern New Hampshire Planning Commission (SNHPC) continues to assist the Planning Board with professional planning services on an as-needed basis. This past fall they assisted with completing a new Master Plan for the Town, and also adopting additional impact fees on new construction to collect revenue for the Police and Fire Department's capital projects. Currently SNHPC is completing their assistance with updating the Town's Capital Improvements Plan (CIP) to be followed by the recalculation of the impact fees to collect revenues for the School, Police, Fire, Recreation, Library, Municipal and Highway Department's future capital projects.

Ongoing Planning Board Activities

The Planning Board is currently finalizing work with the School, Police, Fire, Recreation, Library, Municipal and Highway departments to collect data for updating the CIP. The Board hopes to have the new CIP completed and adopted by the end of April 2016, and to revise the respective impact fees shortly thereafter. The Board's intent is to update the CIP and impact fees every fall hereafter, so as to be available as a planning tool to aid the Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee in preparing the annual budgets and warrant articles.

Year to Date Planning Board Activity:

Subdivisions

Locations & number of unbuilt lots / units in newly approved and or current residential subdivision applications: 4

• Fremont Road - C&D Realty	2 Lots
• Raven Drive - Towle	2 Lots
• Sandown Road – Babin	1 Lot
• Wells Village Road - Beretta	<u>1 Lot</u>
Total:	6 Lots

Locations and remaining number of unbuilt lots / units in prior-approved, residential subdivisions that are, or have recently become, active: 8

• Candia Road – Villages at Chester	20 Units
• Derry Road – South Woods Condominiums	33 (Duplex) Units
• Haverhill Road – Buxton Estates	12 Lots
• Haverhill Road – Jenkins Farm	27 Lots
• Raymond/Ledge Roads – Cedar View Estates	18 Lots
• Reed Road – Isaac Foss Road	5 Lots
• Sandown Road – Wilcomb's Way	6 Lots
• Woodbury Lane – Mill Pine Village	<u>23 Units</u>

Total: 144 Lots/Units

Other Board activities:

• Site Plan Reviews (Non-Residential)	2
• Site Plan Reviews (Residential)	1
• Home Businesses	5

Planning Board Revenues, Supervised Accounts, Assets & Sureties

Gross receipts from applications as of 2/29/16	\$ 6,541
Balance of Off-Site Improvement funds as of 2/1/16	\$ 47,611
Balance of Impact Fees as of 1/31/16	\$ 29,861
Subdivision / Road Performance Bonds	<u>\$857,410</u>

Total: \$941,423

Proposed Zoning Amendments

Are you in favor of the adoption of **Amendment # 1** as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town's zoning ordinance as follows?

Amend: Section 5.6 - Flood Plain Conservation District by deleting non-applicable information, correcting outdated references and adding missing information.

Purpose: To revise the language of the ordinance to make it more understandable and consistent with state and federal regulations. Please note these revisions were recommended by the NH Office of Energy and Planning.

Are you in favor of the adoption of **Amendment # 2** as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town's zoning ordinance as follows?

Amend: Article 9 - Conversion of Existing Dwellings by replacing it with a new Article 9 - Accessory Dwelling Units.

Purpose: To revise the existing ordinance in anticipation of new zoning requirements set by NH Senate Bill 146, allowing for the creation, location, standards, review and approval of Accessory Dwelling Units, sometimes referred to as “in-law apartments, student, or workforce housing.”

Are you in favor of the adoption of **Amendment # 3** as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town’s zoning ordinance as follows?

Amend: Sub-Section 5.3.3 – Special Exception Uses by replacing existing language with “Conversion or addition to a single-family dwelling to accommodate an accessory dwelling unit pursuant to the provisions of Article 9, Accessory Dwelling Units.”

Purpose: Simple reference edit to be consistent with the Article 9 replacement.

Are you in favor of the adoption of **Amendment # 4** as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town’s zoning ordinance as follows?

Amend: Section 11.4 - Conditions for Granting of a Special Exception by striking “and upon receipt and due consideration of advice from the Planning Board” and replacing it with “The Zoning Board of Adjustment, in its discretion, may require Site Plan Review by the Planning Board as a condition of approval. Site Plan Review by the Planning Board may result in additional conditions being set to ensure compliance with the intent of the Chester Zoning Ordinance.”

Purpose: A clarification edit suggested by the reviewing attorney and the ZBA.

Are you in favor of the adoption of **Amendment # 5** as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town’s zoning ordinance as follows?

Amend: Subsections 6.12.2 - Internal Dimensional and Design Requirements and 6.12.3 – Infrastructure by adding size standards for building construction envelopes and lots with community well systems, and open or closed drainage systems depending on lot road frontage length.

Purpose: To mitigate issues with the design, construction and stormwater runoff control systems of Open Space subdivisions. Note these changes do not increase the currently allowed dwelling unit density in Open Space subdivisions.

Are you in favor of the adoption of **Amendment # 6** as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town’s zoning ordinance as follows?

Amend: Section 4.4 – Signs by replacing it with a new and revised Section 4.4 – Signs.

Purpose: To make this ordinance compliant with the 2015 U.S. Supreme Court “Reed v. Town of Gilbert” ruling regarding the regulation of signs.

Copies of any of these amendments are available in the Planning Board Office, Town Clerk’s Office and Selectmen’s Office during regular business hours. Questions about these amendments should be addressed to the Planning Board Office.

The Board welcomes any questions and input regarding the Town of Chester Zoning Ordinance and Regulations. The Board meets on the first, second and fourth Wednesdays of the month in the Meeting Room at the Chester Municipal Office Building starting at 7:00 P.M. Anyone interested in becoming a Planning Board member should attend Planning Board meetings and express their interest to Board members.

The Planning Board Office is located at 84 Chester Street, Room 5, in the Municipal Office Building. The Planning Board Office hours are per the schedule set by the Board of Selectmen. The Town of Chester Zoning Ordinance and Regulations can be viewed on Chester’s website [chesternh.org] by clicking on Planning Board.

Respectfully submitted,

Chester Planning Board

Brian L. Sullivan, Chairman
Evan B. Sederquest, Vice Chairman
Liz B. Richter
Cass P. Buckley
Michael A. Weider
Richard Snyder, Alternate
Richard S. Trask, Ex-Officio

Staff

Andrew L. Hadik, Planning Coordinator

Zoning Board of Adjustment

Office Contact: Janet Boyden, Administrative Assistant
Tel: (603) 887-4343
Email: chesterzba@gsinet.net
Office Hrs: Wednesday & Friday: 8:30 am – 12:30 pm

Monthly Meetings – 3rd
Tuesday of the Month, 7 pm in
the Meeting Room

The Zoning Board of Adjustment has continued to hear applications for Variance, Special Exceptions, Appeals From Administrative Decisions and Equitable Waivers. Board Members have attended law lectures given by the NH Municipal Association in an effort to stay updated on new decisions involving cases pertaining to zoning, current land use laws, and municipal issues. In addition, workshops are available that provide the fundamental basics of serving on the Zoning Board for new Members.

The Board strives to make impartial and fair decisions, taking into account the needs and desires of the applicant while respecting the goals and objectives of the Chester Zoning Ordinances.

We are always looking for interested residents who would like to join the Board. You are welcome to attend a regular meeting and hearing to observe what we do. The Zoning Board meets the third Tuesday of each month. The Administrative Assistant to the Board is Janet Boyden and office hours are presently 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Wednesday and Friday.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Janet for keeping the office and Board running so smoothly. There is a great deal of work involved meeting deadlines, researching information, talking to applicants and preparing for meetings and hearings. Mrs. Boyden has been with the Board since 1995, and we hope she will continue for many years to come.

I would also like to thank the following Board Members for the unselfish sacrifice of their time and dedication to the Town of Chester during the past year.

Kevin Scott, Vice Chairperson
Charlotte Lister
Adam Maciaszczyk
Jean Methot, Alternate
Robert Packard, Alternate
Cass Buckley, Alternate/Planning Board Rep.

Respectfully submitted,

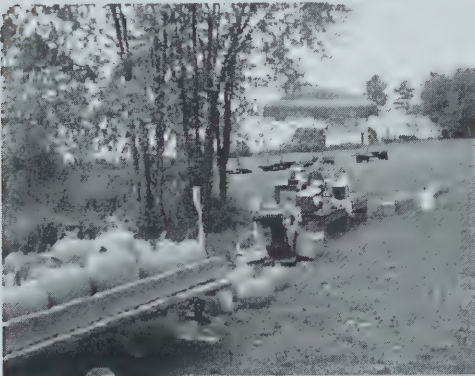
Billie Maloney, Chairperson
Zoning Board of Adjustment



Southern New Hampshire Planning Commission 2015 Report



The Southern New Hampshire Planning Commission has a wide range of services and resources available to help dues-paying members deal with a variety of municipal issues. Technical assistance is provided by a professional staff whose expertise is, when necessary, supplemented by consultants selected for their specialized skills or services. Each year, with the approval of appointed representatives, the Commission's staff designs and carries out programs of area-wide significance mandated by New Hampshire and federal laws or regulations, as well as local projects which pertain more exclusively to a specific community.



Technical assistance is provided in a professional and timely manner by staff at the request of the Planning Board and/or Board of Selectmen. The Commission conducts planning studies and carries out projects of common interest and benefit to all member communities; keeps officials apprised of changes in planning and land use regulation; and in conjunction with the New Hampshire Municipal Association, offers annual training workshops for Planning Board and Zoning Board members.

Services performed for the Town of Chester during the past year are as follows. Hours listed represent work for the Town only; in projects involving multiple municipalities the total hours spent by SNHPC staff is higher. For example, 36 hours were spent by SNHPC staff working on the Planner's Roundtable Brown Bag Sessions for the 15 municipalities in the region; equally dividing the total hours results in 2.4 hours of benefits that can be attributed to the Town.

No.	Hours	Project Description
1.	480	Assisted Planning Board in preparing an Update to the Town's Master Plan. This updated 2015 Master Plan incorporates current information about many aspects of Chester, including a vision for the community, and relevant goals and objectives for the planning board to follow in guiding the growth and development of the town. The vision, goals and objectives as set forth in the plan will help the town in maintaining and expanding existing infrastructure, preserving the environment and promoting sustainable development and appropriate fiscal policies;
2.	244	Assisted Emergency Management Director and Department Heads with an update to the Town's Hazard Mitigation Plan. The Chester Hazard Mitigation Plan Update 2015 serves as a strategic planning tool for use by the Town of Chester in its efforts to reduce future losses from natural or man-made hazardous events before they occur;
3.	90	Conducted traffic counts at 15 locations, including four locations requested by the Town, and forwarded traffic data to the Town;



No.	Hours	Project Description
4.	60	Worked with town residents, volunteers and a solar installer to organize and implement Solar Up NH within the community. The program successfully helped 17 town residents obtain discount pricing for residential solar installations;
5.	48	Represented the interests of the Town on the CART Board of Directors and the CART Executive Committee;
6.	40	Updated Impact Fee Report and assisted Planning Board in adopting Impact Fees for Police and Fire;
7.	20	Assisted Planning Board in minor updates to Town's Capital Improvement Program;
8.	20	Compiled building permit data and certificate of occupancy permit records to record dwelling unit totals from all municipalities in the region;
9.	11	Represented the interests of the Town on the Region 9 Regional Coordinating Council for the Statewide Coordination of Community Transportation Services Project;
10.	10	Provided monthly information to the Planning Board regarding upcoming meetings, project and grant updates, webinars and other training opportunities through SNHPC's quarterly Newsletters, monthly Media Blasts and periodic E-Bulletins;
11.	5	Provided technical assistance and facilitation with the Mutual Sharing Committee and established a regional electric purchasing cooperative with several other municipalities and school districts in the SNHPC Region. The combined savings for the first year will be \$287,462, or 24.4 percent. In addition to the significant savings, the majority of participants will be using at 20 percent green energy.
12.	3	Participated on the NH BPTAC (Bike-Ped Transportation Advisory Committee) Counting Subcommittee, preparing a statewide counting plan and conducting the inaugural counts using shared automated counting equipment;
13.	2.6	Provided an opportunity for all SNHPC communities to participate in a unique project that studies various aspects of complete streets along with the opportunity to participate with a corresponding pilot policy project. Project to be completed on 2016;
14.	2.6	Applied for and awarded a competitive US EPA funded Community Wide Brownfields Assessment Grant to be implemented in the region in 2016;
15.	2.4	Our Planner's Roundtable Brown Bag Sessions provided multiple opportunities for community staff, volunteer commissioners, and other community stakeholders to come together and discuss "hot topics", participate in webinars, and attend multiple planning and land-use related events throughout the year;
16.	2	Provided staff assistance to Statewide Coordinating Council for Community Transportation (SCC);
17.	2	Organized and facilitated a Legislative Event for NH Legislators and local officials in the SNHPC region. This year's topic was Growing the High Tech Corridor.
18.	.5	Provided a training opportunity for planning staff and land-use board volunteer to improve plan reading and analysis skills through a Site Plan Review Workshop.

Town of Chester Representatives to the Commission

Janet Boyden
Deborah Munson

Executive Committee Member: Janet Boyden



SNHPC

Village Cemetery Trustees Annual Report

Contact: Geoffrey Barnett, Trustee
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Email: sheepheader1028@yahoo.com

The Village Cemetery Trustees oversee the following Town Cemetery lots:

1. *Chester Village Cemetery, an historic cemetery located in the center of Town at the intersection of NH 102 & 121. The Chester Village Cemetery is noted as one of the oldest in the State and was purchased in 1751 by Col. John Blunt for 70 pounds. It was entered in the National Register of Historical Places in Washington, D.C. on November 29, 1979.*
2. *Sanborn Cemetery (on Fremont Road).*
3. *Branch Cemetery (Town line, Chester/Raymond, NH 102)*
4. *Rod and Gun Cemetery (Rod and Gun Club Road, on right just before the Church).*
5. *Osgood Cemetery (Wells Village Road, on left, headed towards Sandown).*
6. *Norton Cemetery (off Lane Road on Norton Road).*
7. *Smith Road Cemetery (North Chester).*
8. *Lane Road #1 (near Richardson's).*
9. *Lane Road #2 (at #178).*
10. *Unnamed Family Lot*
11. *Unnamed Family Lot*

To the citizens of the Town of Chester:

The Chester Village Trustees had a slow start to the season, due to budget concerns. However, as soon as the new fiscal year began, we were able to start our regular routine. Spring clean-up took quite a bit of time due to the heavy winter we had. There were downed limbs, twigs, and leaves from last year, as well as quite a few stone markers that fell over.

The maintenance crew worked for a few weeks at the Branch Cemetery at the Chester/Raymond town line, cleaning up an area along the back wall to get our maintenance equipment in, replanting grass seed, and working on the granite walls. We have sprayed several times, and have eliminated the poison ivy that was growing on part of the wall.



We once again took on annual stone repair, resetting twenty or so and repairing a dozen. All of the wrought iron gates at all of the cemeteries were sanded and repainted Gloss Black. We replanted grass and spread loam where necessary. This year we will have to trim back some of the bushes that were planted at the headstones of those buried there.

North Chester Cemetery took a new look on this year. An Eagle Scout project - an equipment shed - was built starting in June 2015, and final inspection was late August 2015. All materials and labor were provided by Troop 163 of Chester and directed by Ted Young Jr. Ted received his Eagle Scout award in September; this is the highest rank you can attain in scouting. We are working on the Lovy Lot at the back of the cemetery, loaming it so next year we can seed it.



The rock wall by the tomb on NH 102 in the Village Cemetery was taken down, restacked, and mortared by Bellemore Walls. The white wooden fence was looked at, and there will be some pieces replaced next year. The tree stump by the Scott house was removed by Kevin Scott, which allowed us to plant new trees. The forsythia bushes around the French Field will need to be attended to next year. We have sprayed by the handicap parking and around the baseball entrance to kill the poison ivy.

We received eight Liberty Elm Trees from Keene, planting two at the Village Cemetery, three at the Sanborn Cemetery, two in North Chester, and one at the Chester Post Office. We have another eight trees coming this spring.



Respectfully submitted,

Aaron Mansur - Chair (2017)

Geoffrey Barnett - Trustee (2016)

Richard Schaeffer - Trustee (2016)

Great Hill Cemetery
Chester, New Hampshire

Established 1941

Mission Statement

"To provide perpetual care of the cemetery and oversee cemetery operations, rules and regulations, and decorum. To guide and assist Chester residents and their loved ones in the purchase preparation and maintenance of a final resting place. In trust, to assure this place is one of beauty, peace, and dignity that honors those who are buried here, their families and friends, and the Chester community."

Cemetery activity for 2015 was as follows:

1. The Trustees thank Mr. and Mrs. Richard Manning for their donation of a sugar maple, given in loving memory of their son, Richard. The tree was purchased from and planted by Dillon Old Farm Nursery of Chester, New Hampshire.
2. The Trustees thank Darrell Quinn for his continued professional caretaking of Great Hill Cemetery (GHC). Many positive comments are received on the looks of his efforts. Darrell puts in many uncompensated hours in keeping GHC a facility we can all be proud of.
3. The Trustees thank Richard Bellemore for continuing to make himself and his equipment available on short notice to meet required burial schedules. Richard does a great job and is willing to put up with doing things the GHC way.
4. Beginning in 2010, lot sales provide the owner(s) not with a "deed," but with a "Right-to-Inter" document. The right-to-inter, rather than the issuance of a cemetery deed, has become more popular in New Hampshire due, in large part, to the increase in "gravesite decoration" which has taken place in recent years. When an individual receives a deed to a parcel of property, he or she often assumes they have purchased the entire bundle of rights which come with the purchase of any parcel of property --- including the right to install bird feeders, benches, wind chimes, etc. It is often difficult for municipalities to enforce regulations when it comes to the removal of these items. On the other hand, when a town or city issues a Right-to-Inter document, it spells out in detail exactly what the purchaser is receiving and the sense of "ownership" is diminished. The legal title to

the underlying property remains with the town or city thus making enforcement of rules and regulations much easier.

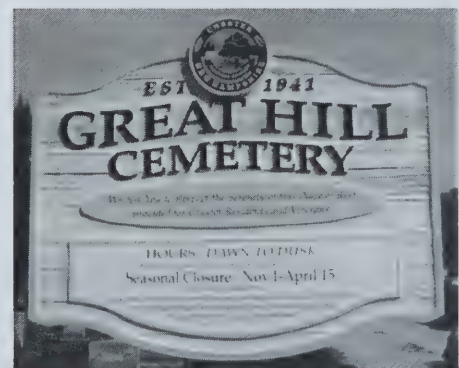
5. Our "Right-to-Inter" document no longer incorporates the term "Perpetual Care" yet assures that "the Trustees shall provide care and maintenance to this lot as part of the care and maintenance they provide for the whole cemetery." As per the New Hampshire State Charitable Trusts Unit, income from cemetery Perpetual Care (PC) funds may not be used for general cemetery maintenance and/or improvement. Cemetery PC funds are valid charitable trusts, and the income is therefore restricted for use on the lots upon which the fund has been placed. With the guidance of our Finance Director, Joanne Smith, a new GHC Maintenance Trust Fund will be established. Use of income from this fund will not be subject to PC income use restrictions. In addition to lot care, it may be used for general cemetery maintenance and/or improvements; such as roadway expansions, ledge mapping, and other facility and equipment upgrades.
6. In mid-2014, GHC dissolved its Certificate of Deposit which had a total of \$30,142.92 and put these funds into the hands of the Trustees of Trust Funds. Balances of the GHC PC fund can be found in the financial section of this report. We maintain a checking account for immediate needs. This account has a current balance of \$11,148.29.
7. Lots sold in 2015 = 6. Number of full burials = 5. Urn burials = 13.

Note Bene: The Great Hill Cemetery continues to be wholly financed by the cemetery funds, accounts, and reserves. No taxes and/or Town financial support are solicited or required.

Respectfully submitted,

Great Hill Cemetery Trustees

John Colman, Trustee, Chairman
 Donald Brown, Trustee, Treasurer
 Darrell Quinn, Trustee, Caretaker and Maintenance
 Penny Henderson, Trustee, Secretary
 Richard Noyes, Trustee



Chester Police Department
Annual Report
Calendar Year 1/1/2015 to 12/31/2015



Contact Information:

Emergency 9-1-1

Business Line: (603) 887-2080

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Prosecutor: (603) 851-0921

Mission Statement

The mission of the Chester Police Department, in partnership with the community, is to promote and to maintain a peaceful, safe and secure environment. The Department recognizes its members as its most valuable resource and will strive to maintain the quality of public service through committed leadership, supervisory direction, career development, and training.

2015 provided us with significant changes within the Department. First and foremost, Chief Burke retired in 2015 after 20 years of service to the Town of Chester. Chief Burke's retirement created a void in the community that will be hard to fill. I want to thank Chief Burke for what he did for the community and for me personally in my career. I was fortunate to be chosen as the next Chief of Police. I am honored to hold such a distinguished position within the community. I want to thank the townspeople for believing in me as **your** Chief of Police.

Although being short staffed for most of the year, our officers answered 2,526 calls for service. 186 people were arrested for various criminal infractions, such as burglaries, sexual assaults, disorderly conduct, negligent homicide, criminal threatening, criminal trespass, alcohol/drug violations and domestic violence issues.

Driving while intoxicated and reports of impaired/drug drivers continue to be issues in the Town of Chester. Texting and cell phone use while driving has become a huge problem and the cause of many fatal accidents throughout the country. New laws went into effect July of 2015 regarding cell phone use, and we are still addressing violations on a daily basis. The number of motor vehicle collisions increased significantly. Our officers are very diligent and keep the Town safe by enforcing traffic laws and by issuing summonses and warnings when necessary. Unfortunately, I have to report that in 2015, we had a fatal motor vehicle collision that resulted in a negligent homicide arrest. The use of a cell phone was a contributing factor in the fatal motor vehicle collision. Our officers also investigated several motor vehicle collisions where the driver or occupants sustained serious bodily injuries. The investigations determined that impaired or distracted driving played a role.

The Chester Police Department continues to deal with calls involving mental health issues. These calls can be quite dangerous to our officers as well as the parties involved. We will continue to train on these important issues and other issues as they come to the forefront of our work.

Theft, fraud, elder abuse and pawn activity increased in 2015. The driving factor in many of these calls is the Opioid epidemic that is affecting New Hampshire and our community. The problem is much worse than some think and is in our own backyards. Only 5 years ago, a subject that possessed Heroin was an uncommon occurrence. Now, it is part of our daily functions to have contact with someone that possesses an Opioid or is addicted to this horrible drug. I am heartbroken to see so many good people going down the road of addiction.

I have observed that gun sales and pistol permits are continuing to increase as many people now believe they have to protect themselves and their property. Nearly a week goes by where we do not deal with someone carrying a handgun - whether it is legal or illegal.

The Chester Police Department has had a few changes in personnel this past year.

We currently have six (6) full-time officers, including myself, and five (5) part-time officers. In 2015, we hired two new, full-time officers to replace Chief Burke's and my position. The two new officers, David Fencer and Ryan Goulet, were not certified and attended the 16-week, live-in Academy. Officer Fencer completed our extensive in-house field training program in the last quarter of 2015 and is now on the road solo. Officer Goulet is currently in our field training program as I write this Report and should be on the road by April 2016. Amanda Basnar was hired part time in the last quarter of 2015 and will be attending the next available part-time Academy. Please welcome the new officers as they start a law enforcement career with us.

Unfortunately, Chester suffered a loss as full-time Administrative Assistant Linda Pomeroy retired after seven years of service. We wish Linda happy trails as she begins the next chapter of her life.

Because the Chester Police Department had been shorthanded, we had to request State Police to assist us on some of the open midnight shifts. This does not provide the police services the Town **deserves**, but I had no choice until we hired more personnel that will commit to the Town and stay after they have been trained.

It is extremely time-consuming to run a hiring process and to find a candidate with the right fit for the Department. Qualified candidates are very limited and most certified officers apply elsewhere for a much higher salary. It is an intense training program which not all candidates are able to complete. The training and hiring costs are staggering to certify an officer and then see them leave for a higher, competitive salary. I have been working with the Board of Selectmen to establish an attractive salary and benefits package to be able to retain our most valuable asset. There is a true benefit for the townspeople to know the officers by their first name. This connection creates a tighter bond that lasts a lifetime.

The D.A.R.E. Program continued this year with Officer Sable and Officer Haggart returning for their fourth year. The Program continues to be a success and also helps to strengthen our relationship with the children of Chester as well as parents and teachers. The presence of officers at Chester Academy has truly been a welcomed sight. It is a daily occurrence that the Department is given praise for our school zone patrol and officers at the entrance to school. Parents are dropping their children off and beeping and giving us the "thumbs up" in approval. This makes me feel proud of the impact we have on our school environment.

I hold the position of Interim Chairman of the Highway Safety Committee which meets four times a year. All are welcome and I encourage any residents to stop by and sit in on the meetings. We appreciate your input. I am also an active member of the Chester Joint Loss Management Committee, Chester Academy Safety Committee and Chester Hazardous Mitigation Committee also meet several times a year. It is important to have these Committees so we can continue to keep our employees and residents safe.

I have attended numerous classes in 2015 in order to maintain my certification. In addition to firearms, deadly force training, CPR/AED, I have received certification in: Drug trends / Opiates, Media presentations, Opiate Addiction on the Mind and search and seizure review. I also maintained all my prior certifications. Police work and training is constantly evolving and it is never too late to learn something new. It is a goal, for the officers and for me, to stay as current as possible with the resources we have.

Officer Timothy Loveless is a Field Training Officer and Background Investigator as well as a Firearms Instructor and does an outstanding job. Tim is certified in pistol, revolver, shotgun and rifle. He is also a certified Glock armorer and as a less lethal Taser instructor. Officer William Sable is also a Field Training Officer, Firearms Instructor, and Background Investigator and less lethal Taser instructor. Will also attended a two-week long

intensive leadership academy that will be a true asset to our Department. Tim and Will are Incident Command System (ICS) certified. Tim and Will bring a great amount of knowledge and experience to the Chester Police Department.

Having the ability to keep much of our training cost-free and in-house allows us to save the Town money by limiting overtime, etc., for our Officers. Proper training is very important in order to keep up with the ever-changing laws that are enacted in New Hampshire, as well as across the country. Some of the courses taken by our Officers are *Firearms Instructor, Shotgun Instructor, Defensive Tactics Instructor, Taser Instructor, O.C. Instructor, Simulations, CPR, First Aid, AED, Dealing with Mental Illness, Incident Command System, Active Shooter, Elder Abuse, Leadership and Management and Legal Updates*. There are also many on-line courses and webinars offered through the NH Police Standards and Training. I am extremely proud of all of our officers and the sacrifices they make to the Town of Chester and to the Police Department. I am proud to say that in 2015 our Officers had over **1700 hours** in training.

We have been very fortunate to have received several grants from the NH Highway Safety Commission. The grants are used to proactively enforce traffic violation in specific areas and to take drunk and drugged drivers off the roads. We have been extremely successful with these grants, and we plan to apply for them for many years to come. We have also begun to purchase and replace bullet resistant vests through a federal grant. I began a competitive grant process for a night vision device in 2015. I am excited to announce that in the last quarter of 2015 we were awarded that grant. The night vision will be invaluable locating missing persons at night. In total I have been able to secure over \$17,000 in grant funding.

In 2015 I established a firearm replacement program. The program replaces outdated firearms through a trade-in program and allowed us to replace 17 year old firearms that were still being used, at a minimal cost to the town.

I would like to thank the residents of this great Town for your continued support as we continue to make the Chester Police Department one of the best departments in Rockingham County. I would like to thank all of my Officers for the great job they do. Their pride, teamwork, and dedication are what make this Department such a special place. A big thank you to the various department heads, the Board of Selectmen, and the Budget Committee for their ongoing support and to the wonderful people in the Town offices who are always willing to help on a moment's notice. Additionally, I wish to extend my appreciation to Fire Chief Rich Antoine and Road Agent Mike Oleson. They are truly dedicated to the Town and it shows through the countless hours they spend each day and night keeping the residents of this Town safe. It is nice to know that either of them are just a phone call away.

I am honored to have the opportunity to serve the Town of Chester as **your** Chief of Police. Please do not hesitate to call me, e-mail me (aberube@gsinet.net), or stop by and see me with any concerns, problems, or ideas that you may have. You may also check our web page at www.chesternh.org. Together, we can continue to make our community a place that we are proud to call home.

Full-Time Police Officers:

Timothy Loveless, Sergeant
Will Sable, Sergeant/D.A.R.E
Andrew DiPerri, Patrol Officer
David Fencer, Patrol Officer
Ryan Goulet, Patrol Officer

Part-Time Police Officers:

Scott Haggart, Patrol Officer/D.A.R.E
Robert McConn, Patrol Officer
Nicholas McLellan, Patrol Officer
Randy Kerkman, Patrol Officer
Amanda Basnar, Patrol Officer

Administrative Assistant:

Vacant

Prosecutor:

Michael DiCroce

Sincerely,

Aaron P. Berube
Chief of Police

**Chester Police Department
Highlights of Calendar Year
January 2015 to December 2015**

Arrests	186	Disorderly Conduct	4
Restraining Orders Logged	31	Driving While Intoxicated/Report of	48
C i t a t i o n s I s s u e d	379	Drug Violations	49
Warnings Issued	2286	Forgery/Fraud	26
Motor Vehicle Crash Reports	105	Hunting Complaints/Violations	12
Pistol Permit Applications	169	Juvenile Arrests	37
Sexual Offender Registration	21	Juvenile Problems/Services	16
9-1-1 Calls	13	Noise Complaints/Disturbances	43
Alarm Activations	227	Paperwork Services	83
Alcohol Violations	56	Police Information	176
Animal Control	285	Protective Custody	37
Arson	1	Repossessed Vehicles	3
Assaults	31	Resident Fingerprinting	51
Assist Ambulance / Rescue	153	Sexual Assaults/Sex Offenses	22
Assist Law Enforcement	120	Stolen Vehicles	3
Attempted Burglaries	0	Suspicious Person/Incident Calls	168
Bad Check Violations	4	Thefts	30
Burglaries	6	Trespass Violations	22
Citizen Assist	120	Unattended Deaths	3
Criminal Mischief/Vandalism	33	Vacation Notice	57
Criminal Threatening/Harassment	34	Weapons/Explosive Violations	7
		Total Offenses	**2526
		Total Felonies	74

* **does not reflect over 3000 property checks

Chester Fire Department *In case of emergency call 911*

For permits and all other Fire Department business:

Weekdays – Call the Fire Station at 887-3878

Nights and weekends – Call the Duty Officer phone at 365-7184.

E-mail: chesterfire@mygsc.com

Visit our Website: ChesterNHFD.com

Your Chester Fire Department is staffed by one full-time, certified Fire Officer and a full-time FF/AEMT. They provide station coverage in staggered shifts between the hours of 7:30 AM and 6:00 PM from Monday through Friday. Thirty-five dedicated Department members proudly serve the community as certified firefighters and EMTs on a paid-per-call basis, 24/7.

Regarding burning, the **State of New Hampshire requires homeowners to have a burn permit for all outside fires**. This includes fires in pits, chimeneas and outdoor fireplaces. Burn permits are provided at no charge and must be obtained on the day you plan to burn. Visit the Fire Station for this permit and if you would like to have a seasonal permit for your fire pit. On-line permits are available from the State (\$3 fee) as well, information is on the CFD website.

For modifications and installations of gas and oil heating systems, chimneys, woodstoves, pellet stoves and sprinkler systems, **please pull a permit prior to starting the work**. There is a \$50/day penalty for work done without a permit. See the website for details and permits.

In 2015, the Department conducted a total of 274 inspections as follows:

Gas and oil equipment	184	Blasting	7	Woodstove, Pellet or Chimney	19
Sprinkler	40	Life Safety	12	Miscellaneous	12

We are grateful to the Chester Fire Association's donation of a new chassis for the Tanker 2 apparatus. The old military style truck was replaced with a newer chassis having the pump and tank retrofitted to it. This vehicle serves as a forestry tanker. It is not a replacement for the 1990 Tanker 1 which is the apparatus that serves structure fires that is still in need of replacement.

On behalf of the Chester Fire Association, we would like to thank the Town residents who supported the Christmas Tree Sales for this first annual fund raiser. The balsams went on sale immediately following Thanksgiving and the pine aroma ushered in the winter season!

We are proud of the commitment that our members have made to emergency response and training. We currently have 35 members trained for FF, EMT and Support. At Chester Fire, our members train with an aggressive probationary program in preparation for certification. We would like to thank Greg Bolduc for managing this training. We credit dedicated people and

regular training (1,800 training hours in 2015) to be a large part of our success. To become part of our team, visit our website or contact the Station for more information and an application.

The Department wants to recognize the following members for their exceptional performance in 2015: We congratulate them of their success!

Officer of the Year: Rich Bellemore

EMT of the Year: Eric Emerson

Firefighter of the Year: Rich Bellemore

Team Player of the Year: Rich Bellemore

Rookie of the Year: Joseph "JR" Sciuto

In 2015, Paramedic Michael Gilbert became Chester Fire EMS Lieutenant! Congratulations!



Captain Phil Gladu and Chief Richard Antoine

After many years of full-time service to the Chester community, Captain Kevin Wunderly expanded his career with another department. Please join us in welcoming, Jason Coulter, a Fire Fighter and Advanced EMT to our full-time staff!

For medical calls, Chester Fire Department responds and Derry Fire Department is also dispatched. Derry transports patients to area hospitals, a cost to the town of \$76,269 for 2015. Additionally, Derry bills the patient for transport.

The **Explorer Post** is active in Chester. Explorers are a group of 14-21 year olds who have an interest in the Fire Service. Every Monday evening, Firefighter/AEMT Ben Clark leads this group with Buddy Menard and Rich Bellemore, teaching firefighting and EMS skills. Once trained, the Explorers will get on-scene experience, within their scope of practice, assisting with equipment and hydration of first responders. Contact the Station to join the group.

I sincerely extend my appreciation to Chief Berube and the Chester Police Officers, the Road Agent, Mike Oleson and the Highway Department personnel for all you do for our community. We wish retiring coworkers and friends Chief Burke, Barbara Gagnon, Linda Pomaroy and Cynthia Robinson all the best. I also would like to thank Carson Natali for his volunteering this summer at Chester Fire Department.

In closing, my deep gratitude goes to the Chester Fire staff, including the Fire Officers, department members and their families. They are the reason that we can service this community and meet our mission. These members are your neighbors, friends and family members who work hard to keep our Town safe, even at their own risk. It is a privilege serving as your Chief.

Respectfully Submitted,

Chief Richard Antoine

Chester Fire Department Membership

Officers

Fire Chief

Richard Antoine

Captains

Gregory Bolduc

Lieutenants

Philip Gladu Ben Clark

Michael Gilbert

Roman Bastek	Eric Emerson	Robert Murphy	Shawn Santuccio
Eric Bellemore	Scott Haggart	John Plater	Matthew Tinkham
Rich Bellemore	Adam Houston	Connor Porcelli	Brittni Verzi
Marie Blackstad	Stefan Jacobs	Trevor Renaud	Bryan Walch
Chris Brodeur	Michael Komisarek	Dan Ross	Andrew Wallis
RJ Child	Kerri Lelievre	Tony Rossignol	
Jason Coulter	Justin Lemay	Craig Rothermel	
Lisa DiMambro	Buddy Menard	Tim Rutherford	

Fire Training Coordinator:

Captain Greg Bolduc

EMS Training Coordinator:

Lieutenant Michael Gilbert

Department Chaplin:

Rev. Adam Houston

Administrative Assistant:

Sabrina Londrigan

Forest Fire Warden:

Chief Richard Antoine

Deputy Fire Wardens:

Capt. Gregory Bolduc Lt. Philip Gladu

Lt. Ben Clark

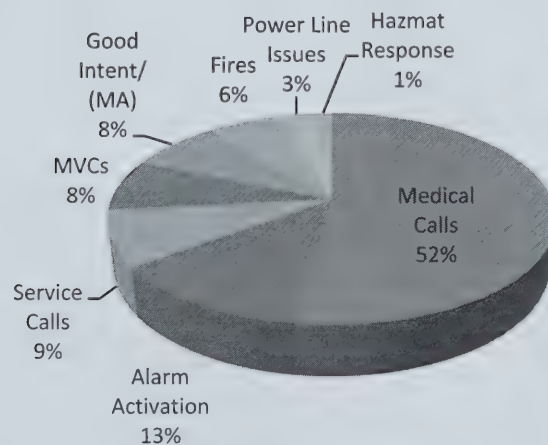
Chester Fire Department Apparatus

1989 Forestry Tanker – Tanker 2	2003 Trailer
2010 Pumper “Quint” – Engine 1	2004 Forestry – Forestry 1
1990 Tanker 1	2008 Ford Expedition Command Vehicle C-1
2010 Rescue 1	2010 Boat
2003 Pumper Engine – Engine 2	2008 Gator
	1993 Utility Pick up

2015 Calls

Medical Calls	240
Motor Vehicle Collisions	36
Fires:	
Building	9
Cooking	1
Chimney	2
Brush	16
Equipment	1
Lock-in	1
Carbon Monoxide Calls	3
Alarm Activation	55
Power Lines Down	7
Tree on wires	7
Severe Weather Response	1
Hazmat Response	6
Service Calls	37
Special Incident	1
Good Intent	36
<i>Mutual Aid:</i>	47
Total Calls for 2015	459

2015 FD Calls



Building Official / Code Enforcement Dept. Annual Report

Wow; who would have thought that a great opportunity to serve the community as your Building Official has now come to an end! As previously announced, I planned my retirement for mid-February 2016 after five full years of service to Chester. Everyone has been great; a thank you is extended to everyone.

As I predicted in previous years, and consistent with the activities seen at this office, Chester is on a constant and strong growth path. With an overall increase of 21% in the number of issued building permits, this office provided for nearly \$85,000 in generated revenue from building permitting activities.

With 34 new one/two family home permits issued in Calendar Year 2015 (a slight increase over 2014), the Town of Chester supported a steady growth rate. Solar photovoltaic was a somewhat popular addition in 2015 with over a dozen new rooftop installations throughout the year.

I am writing this during the transitioning period as the outgoing Building Official, and I am hopeful that the players involved from this point forward will maintain a service level that is expected from the contractors and homeowners who are the everyday players in this field.

Please visit the Town of Chester's website at www.chesternh.org and navigate through our webpage to find helpful guidelines for your projects. Copies of the posted information sheets are also made available outside of this office. Stop by and visit your Building Officials during posted office hours.

If anyone has any concerns or wishes to make comments – or would like to simply ask a question – please do not hesitate to contact this office. The office phone number is (603) 887-5552 or you may send an email to chesterbi@gsinet.net. *Please make an effort to close permits upon completion of the work.*

Respectfully submitted,
Thom Roy
Building Official/Code Enforcement Officer

Permit Activity – Calendar Year 2015

Other	5	Single Family	18
Sheds	17	Duplex – 2 family	8 (16 units)
Garages/Barns	12	Additions	5
Decks/Porches	15	Renovations	22
Pools	11	Multi-family	0
Renewals/transfers	4	Demolitions	7
Solar - Photovoltaic	13	Commercial	0
Trade Permits – electric, plumbing, mechanical, septic, test pits, etc			251
Total All Permitting			388

Emergency Management Department Annual Report

Contact: Phil Gladu, Emergency Management Director
Cell: (603) 505-6886 or leave message at (603) 887-3878
Email: Philip.gladu1@gmail.com

The Town of Chester survived another year without any major incidents however, the behind the scene work that goes into the Emergency Management Department has been very busy.

As most people already know, our Emergency Shelter located at the Multi-Purpose Room ("MPR") received a new floor this year. The existing floor was constructed with very old tile and presented a safety concern so it was replaced with a new durable material which will last for many years to come.

This year we purchased an upright freezer for the Chester Kitchen at the MPR to be used solely for keeping food supplies for the Emergency Shelter. The Town received an almost 30% discount off the price and the cost savings will allow for more improvements to the Shelter itself. I am working on a plan with the School to purchase a three-day supply of food, and we are discussing ideas of ways that we may continually rotate the food supply avoiding spoiling and costs to restock the freezer every quarter.

Another major project for this coming year will be applying for a grant with the Department of Homeland Security. We have the opportunity to apply for a grant using the funds already expended on the MPR floor project. This would allow us to apply for the matching grant at no cost to the Town. A few of the items that we are asking for in the grant are some portable signs which will allow us to communicate information more readily. The signs can be positioned throughout the Town to get the greatest visibility from passers by during various events. Another item that we will be requesting is a couple of generator style lights much like the ones that can be found at the soccer field during the summer months. They will be used primarily at the MPR when it is open as a Shelter facility to illuminate the parking lot. They can be also transported to another location should we have a large scale emergency event in Town.

The Chester Fire Department website <http://chesternhfd.com> is up and running and is where you can find information concerning Emergency Management.

I will continue to serve the community as your Emergency Management Director and if anyone ever has any questions, please feel free to contact me and I will be happy to answer them for you.

Very Respectfully,

Philip Gladu, Chester Emergency Management Director

Highway Safety Committee

Contact: Police Chief Aaron Berube
Phone: (603) 887-2080
Email: aberube@gsinet.net

The Highway Safety Committee still works to achieve the goals set forth in our Mission Statement and to meet the requirements set forth in NH RSA 238.6.

In order for Chester to qualify for funding from the NH Highway Safety Agency, the Town must have a Highway Safety Committee that meets on a regular basis. It is important for the Committee to have a variety of viewpoints from throughout the Town on road issues so residents from different sections of Town are encouraged to attend Committee meetings.

Grants applied for and received in 2015 were: one (1) for DWI Hunter with an award amount of \$6,963.45 and one (1) for STEP grant (sustained traffic enforcement program) with an award amount of \$3,481.73. The STEP grant focuses on seatbelts, child restraints, mobile device, distracted driving, speed, etc. The Chester Police Department was very successful with their enforcement efforts during the grant time period. The Department has already applied for and will be receiving grants for 2016.

Highway safety issues discussed and/or participated in this past year were as follows:

1. A meeting with NH DOT Engineers to review potential safety improvements for the Rtes. 102 and 121 intersection in the Town Center. A number of improvements were discussed, and brought to the attention of the NH DOT's HSIP Committee at their March 2016 meeting. As a result, the HSIP Committee has approved the following improvements:
 - Upgrading the traffic light with LED lights.
 - Adding a "Cross Traffic Does Not Stop" sign under the traffic light to remind Rte. 121 drivers that the intersection is not a "4-Way Stop" type intersection.
 - Adding "Stop Ahead" pavement markings on Rte. 121.
2. Increased traffic speed enforcement along Rte. 102 to reduce traffic speed through the center of Town.
3. The continuing reviews of reports of motor vehicle crashes that have occurred on State and local roads over the past year.
4. Monitoring of parades for the Town Fair and Veterans Day celebrations.

5. Monitoring pedestrian and traffic safety issues of Halloween Trick-or-Treating.

Currently, the Committee is meeting on a quarterly basis in the Municipal Office Building Main Meeting Room (Room 4) at 1:00 PM. The public is welcome to attend.

Respectfully submitted,

Chester Highway Safety Committee

Chief Aaron Berube, Police Department

Chief Rich Antoine, Fire Department

Michael Oleson, Highway Department

Andrew Hadik, Planning Board

Joseph Hagan, State Representative

Jack Cannon, Selectman

Tony Amato, Maintenance Department

**Annual Report
Road Agent**

Contact Tel: (603) 887-2133

No Report Received

Recycling & Solid Waste Committee Fiscal Year 2015-2016

Transfer Station Hours of Operation:
Wednesday Evening – 6 PM to 8 PM
Saturdays – 7 AM to 2 PM
Tel. Contact: Lloyd Healey: (603) 365-8245

As always, we would like to dedicate this report to the residents of Chester committed to protecting our environment and reducing property taxes by recycling.

2015 Recycling Center & Solid Waste Transfer Station Summary

In 2015, the facility's waste stream totaled 851.6 tons, of which 287.5 tons were recycled. Of these 287.5 tons, 225.1 tons were kitchen* (household) recyclables (see list). This year, the average net cost for recycling these kitchen recyclables was \$1.11 per ton, versus a net cost of \$114.27 per ton for disposal via the solid waste compactor. As a result, **the 2015 recycling program resulted in a net savings of at least \$25,772.** This is a significant cost savings, considering the total disposal cost of the 564.1 tons of compacted solid waste was \$64,458.

Overall, **33.8% percent of the Transfer Station's waste stream was recycled.** Unfortunately, this percentage is the lowest rate of recycling we have ever seen, and it falls well short of the 40% minimum standard recommended by the US EPA.

From observing the general waste disposed of in the trash compactor, there are still two obvious areas for improvement. The first is more diligent sorting out of mixed paper, cardboard and other recyclables. The second is encouraging home (backyard) composting of specific kitchen and other organic wastes. Conscientious attention to these items could reduce the waste stream by another 10% to 20%.

Summary of Recycling Tonnages:

Newspaper & Mag.*	32.0 tons
Mixed Paper*	61.3 tons
Cardboard*	40.7 tons
Scrap Metal	52.7 tons
Co-mingled Cans*	6.7 tons
Aluminum Cans*	3.2 tons
#1 - #7 Plastics*	22.7 tons
Glass*	58.4 tons
Tires	2.7 tons
Car Batteries	0.7 tons
TVs & Computers	1.9 tons
Used Motor Oil	4.3 tons
Total:	287.5 tons

(*kitchen / household recyclables)

Important Requests and / or New Information

We reiterate our appeal to residents to please be more diligent about crushing your plastics and cans. Please do this prior to arriving at the Transfer Station (as well as the sorting). It only takes a minute or two each day to do this as you amass your recyclables. Our load hauling is scheduled on a volume basis, and it costs a great deal of money to haul a load that is mostly air!

Also, we request that more folks try backyard composting of some of their food waste. It is amazing how much this can reduce the weight and volume of waste hauled to the landfill. There are many resources available online for advice and ideas on how to do this.

For your information, the NH DES has directed that dog and cat waste no longer be disposed of in the compost pile. Instead this must be bagged and disposed of in the solid waste compactor.

Some Interesting Factoids

- The aluminum cans we recycled conserved enough energy to run a TV for 73+ years!
- The steel cans we recycled conserved enough energy to run a 100 watt light bulb for 20+ years!
- The scrap metal we recycled conserved ~22 tons of coal!
- The paper we recycled conserved about ~2,300 40-foot high trees!

Our usual ending ☺...

Many residents still do not utilize the Transfer Station and the convenience it provides. We encourage those of you who are not using the Transfer Station to come and visit the facility and try it out. The facility is open on Wednesday evenings from 6:00 to 8:00 pm, and on Saturdays from 7:00 am to 2:00 pm. We look forward to seeing you there.

Our staff, Lloyd, Bonnie, Rich, Roger and Gary, would also like to express their appreciation for the enthusiasm our residents have for the recycling program and the facility in general.

In closing, we would like to encourage any citizens with constructive ideas for improvements or who have an interest in serving on the Committee to please talk to one of our Transfer Station attendants or contact the Board of Selectmen's Office at 887-4979 for information about joining our Committee.

Respectfully submitted,

Andrew Hadik

Bonnie Healey

Lloyd Healey

Stephen O. Landau, Selectman

Wilcomb Townsend Home
Annual Report
7/1/14-6/30/15

These funds are available to Chester residents of any age to help with fuel, medications, or other necessities. We also offer help to anyone interested that qualifies in obtaining Life Line through the Rockingham County Community Action Services. Contact any Trustee with questions about either donating funds or requesting assistance.

7/1/2014	Beginning Balance	\$100.00
	Receipts	\$2,751.70
	Totals	\$2,851.70
	Disbursements:	
	Fuel & Utilities	\$2,202.07
	Office	\$0.00
	Filing Fee	\$75.00
	Medical Costs	\$474.63
	Food & Clothing	\$0.00
	Postage	\$0.00
	Total Disbursements	\$2,751.70
6/30/2015	Ending Balance	\$100.00

Trustees:

Cynthia Tunberg	2018
Genevieve Rowell	2019
Dianna Charron	2020
Barbara Dolloff	2016
Lisa Oleson	2017

Chester Historical Society Annual Report

Society's Museum Hours – 2nd Sat. of the Month
10 AM -12 PM – Stevens Memorial Hall
Website: <http://www.chesternhhistorical.org>

B-Monthly Meetings – Jan., Mar.,
May, July, Sept. & Nov. 7 PM
Stevens Memorial Hall

The Chester Historical Society is a non-profit membership organization dedicated to promote and to protect historical matter and to support the continuing education of the Town's ever-evolving heritage.

The project of restoration of the Lovering Kiln on Hanson Road was completed in 2015 and a historic marker was placed on the kiln.

Once again, the Historical Society celebrated Ruth Ray Day with a month-long display of Ruth's memorabilia and a cake at the Chester Library.

The Chester Historical Society members Gen Rowell, Web Anderson, Jean Methot and Jackie and Don Brown hosted the Chester Academy for a full day of learning about the history of Chester. A special thank you goes out to Richard Holmes, local historian from Derry, for the wonderful cemetery tour; Michele Graves for demonstrating her spinning wheel; and the Chester Police Department for keeping everyone safe for the day!

Don Brown represented the Historical Society as a guest speaker at the Memorial Day program with a speech about the Chester residents who served their country since the Revolutionary War and continued the tradition of firing the cannon with a three gun salute to the veterans.

A floor lamp was purchased by the Historical Society in memory of member John Pepper for the Historical Society Museum.

The Society was fortunate to purchase on an online auction a valuable first edition book inscribed by some of Chester's most prominent past citizens for the museum's collection.

Again this year, the Society gave back to the community by donating to the Wilcomb Townsend Fund.

The Historical Society brought to Town two New Hampshire Humanities programs. A large group enjoyed the portrayal of Mary Todd Lincoln in grand costume and also a program on The Old Man of the Mountain.

October was a very busy month for the Historical Society. A fun family night was had by all at the "Hoe Down" in Stevens Hall. Jackie Brown led a historical walk up Chester Street on a beautiful fall day. And the annual scarecrow fund raiser was again a huge success. The popularity of Chester's scarecrows has begun to spill over into surrounding towns and now has become a regional event. Thank you to Jean Methot for creating a map this year of the locations of the scarecrows. For those who have ordered scarecrows for October 2016, they may be picked up at Stevens Hall , 10am-12pm on the second Saturdays of June, July and August.

We are so fortunate to have been given by Richard Noyes his extensive telephone collection for the Chester Historical Museum. The collection includes telephones from the 1800's to the present day.

Our sincere thanks to "Bittersweet Blessings" for their continued support to the Society by selling our history book "*Chester Revisited*."

The Society will once again sponsor a warrant article to set aside \$5,000 in the Capital Reserve Fund for the purpose of funding the 300th anniversary of Chester in 2022.

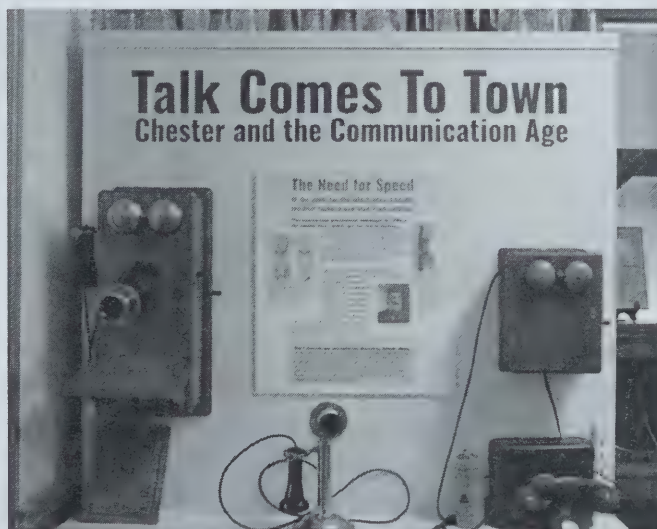
It has been my pleasure serving as President of the Historical Society for the last three years and want to thank you, our preservation-minded Town, for your continued support.

New members are always welcome. The museum is open the second Saturday of every month. More information and upcoming events can be found on our website at <http://www.chesternhhistorical.org>

Respectfully submitted,

By Donald Brown

President Jean Methot
Vice President Donald Brown
Treasurer Gary Van Geyte
Secretary Judy Pepper



Pictured Above: Telephones of yesteryear donated by Richard Noyes. (Photo courtesy of Jackie Brown)

Annual Report 2015-2016 Recreation Commission

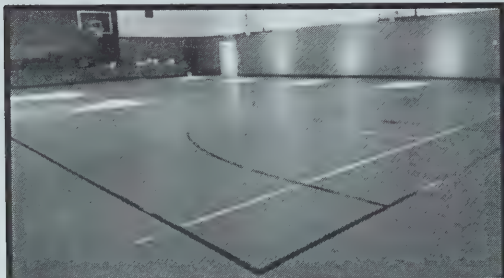
The Chester Recreation Commission is a volunteer commission, appointed by the Board of Selectmen, responsible for the operation of the Multi-Purpose Room, the Town Athletic Fields, the Wason Pond Recreation Area and the Community Center. The Commission is also responsible for the organization and coordination of both formal and informal recreational programs throughout the year.

For more information on Chester Recreational Programs and Activities please visit our website at www.chesternh.org/municipal-departments/recreation-department or find us on Facebook at [Chester, NH Recreation Department](#).

The Recreation Commission meets at 7:00 PM on the second and fourth Monday of each month in the Cable Meeting Room and/or the Recreation Office located in the Town Office Building. The Commission is looking for **new members** at this time. Chester residents are encouraged to attend our meetings to gain an understanding of the ongoing work of the Commission. As Chester is growing, we are working to expand our programs to keep up. We invite you to get involved! The Recreation Office can be reached at (603) 887-5773.

Programs and Activities

Through the many uses of the Multi-Purpose Room (MPR) and Town Athletic Fields, the Commission supports many programs and activities throughout the year.



The MPR is used to hold practices for many athletic programs including basketball, baseball, softball, futsal, floor hockey and volleyball. It is also used for Town and School events, community dances and programs, including Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts, Chester Mom's Club and adult and senior exercise programs.

The Chester Recreational Youth Basketball Program is dedicated to offering aspiring athletes an opportunity to expand their lives through the game of basketball. Chester Recreation is focused on empowering individuals to make positive decisions both on and off the court. Empowerment is encouraged by enhancing individual strengths while placing extreme emphasis on the necessity of teamwork and fun. The **Chester Recreational Youth Basketball Program** is open to all Chester girls and boys, Grades K through 8.

Chester Soccer Club sponsors fall and spring soccer for players U6 through U15. For more information, please visit <http://sports.bluesombrero.com/Default.aspx?tabid=696766>.

Adult Barre classes are held Monday at 9:00am in the Activities room behind the police station. Our certified instructor is Amy Hazelton,

Zumba Fitness is held Wednesdays at 6:00pm in the MPR with our certified instructor, Amy Hazelton, who brings an energetic presence to each and every class.

Adult Yoga is offered 2-3 days a week and has morning, afternoon and evening classes. The schedule changes from season to season. The program is directed by Rhonda Woodward, Certified Kripalu Yoga Instructor and is designed for both beginner and experienced students.

Adult Co-ed Volleyball Chester Recreation offers free adult Co-ed volleyball. It is held in the Multi-Purpose Room every Wednesday night at 7:30 PM. All are welcome to participate and have fun.

Adult Co-ed Basketball Chester Recreation offers free adult Basketball. It is held in the Multi-Purpose Room every Tuesday night at 8:00. This is open to the general public..

The Chester Recreation Department, in conjunction with KC Pilates & Fitness, offers a **Senior Exercise** Class that is FREE to any Chester resident over the age of 55 including those in higher risk categories (physician's clearance is required for all). This class is taught by Kim Cremin. The class focuses on strength-building, balance and range of motion exercises. Classes are held every Monday and Wednesday from 1:30 – 2:30 PM in the Multi-Purpose Room.

Wason Pond Recreation Area

The Commission oversees the Wason Pond Recreation Area including the Ball fields, Beach and Playground. We offer a half-day and full day six-week **Summer Program** consisting of guided children's activities, sports, and crafts, as well as weekly field trips.

The **Kids Fishing Derby** is held annually the first weekend of June and is a treasured family event. Chester Recreation stocks Wason Pond for the event. Prizes are given out to the children. This event is offered for children up to 16 years of age.

The Beach is also open seasonally for families to enjoy. Many community events are also held including the Wason Pond Pounder, Horse Event and the Boy Scout Yard Sale. The recreation area is a carry in/carry out facility and open to the public sunrise to sunset all year long.

The Chester Recreation Department and Chester Soccer Club held a jamboree/ribbon cutting ceremony in August 2015 to officially open the Wason Pond Athletic fields. The event included an all ages soccer jamboree. We would like to thank Field of Dreams, Wason Pond Commission, Chester Board of Selectmen, Chester Baseball & Softball, Chester Soccer Club and the many businesses, organizations and individuals who supported this endeavor. The vision and dedication of many families and organizations made these fields a reality.

Recreation Coordinator

Daily responsibilities of the Recreation Coordinator include scheduling the Multi-Purpose Room and the Community Center, coordinating field space and usage requests, conducting sign-ups for a variety of Recreation-sponsored programs, daily communication with and assisting Recreation Commissioners with their needs, planning, coordinating and implementing of new programs along with summer program, as well as meeting the bookkeeping needs for all recreation programs. Additionally, the Coordinator's responsibility has been to prepare Wason Pond for summer usage and to continue to assist with development plans for ball fields on property.

Recognition and Thanks

The Recreation Commission would like to express our thanks to the volunteer coaches, referees, board and committee members, the Baseball league and its Board, as well as all the dedicated parents that assist in all of these community programs. The residents of Chester, especially its children, benefit from the dedication of these fine individuals who do not receive enough recognition for their time and effort.

Respectfully submitted,

Chester Recreation Commission

Kevin Kistler, Chair

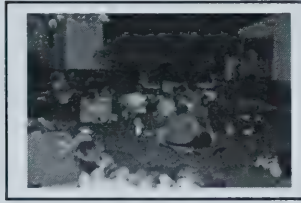
Corinna Reishus, Vice Chair Lady

Leslie Hammond

Michelle Trask

Sharon F. DeLuca, Recreation Coordinator





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Mary Richardson, Co-Chair, term expires 2017
Deb Munson, Treasurer, term expires 2017
Emily Bradley, Co-Treasurer, term expires 2017
Barbara Holmes, Secretary, term expires 2018

2015 brought a lot of changes to our library. Our former Director, Tim Sheehan left in March. We thank him for his service and wish him well in his future endeavors. Two trustee positions were vacated and filled. We welcome Barbara Holmes and Emily Bradley as Trustees. Two staff positions were also vacated and filled. We are very pleased to have Danielle DeNapoli and Esther Connelly on our staff.

The hiring of our new Director, Kandace Knowlton has brought even more change to our library. Our collection is more organized and user-friendly. We have expanded our Video, Audio and TV Series sections and added a Graphic Novel section and created a Young Adult/Teen section, separating the middle school and teen genres in the effort to help parents distinguish and select age appropriate material. We are also trying to fill gaps in our Fiction series that have been missing or weeded. We will continue to provide access to materials and resources, promote literacy and improve the overall quality of life in our community.

There have been many improvements to our building this past year as well. We received a fresh coat of paint, new lettering for our sign, and a new roof and gutters, with tremendous thanks to our Selectmen and taxpayers, both of which were desperately needed. We also had some landscaping done, fixed our interior and exterior lighting issues, and our elevator is now completely repaired and running beautifully. We increased our Internet speed and retired our old, outdated server that was creating costly computer issues.

Your library offers many programs, events and activities for all ages. Our Tuesday morning and Wednesday evening Story Times are very popular and well-attended thanks to our Assistant Director, Diane Arrato Gavrish. We also offer a Minecraft Club, a Cook

and Share Program for Adults, an Adult Book Group, Adult Coloring Classes, Painting Classes, and soon to be added, a Middle School Book Club and Fun with Board Games. Some events we had this year were: Ramblin' Richard, our first ever Drive-In movie, Polar Express, our yearly Halloween Party, and a Star Wars party. With so many various programs and activities offered, our library is sure to offer an event that interests you.

For those of you who are new to Chester, we welcome you. Please come in and get a library card. It is the best deal in town! We issued 167 new library cards this past year alone. In addition to our growing collection of books, magazines, audios and DVD's, we also lend out cake pans, Lego kits, Roominate kits, Snap Circuit kits, museum passes and a telescope. The services we offer are also growing. We have fax and photo copying services, online resources such as databases, genealogy research, Mango Languages and eBooks that you can download to your device. By the time this comes to print, we will also be offering a Notary Public service, free of charge.

We are grateful for the support of the Friends of the Chester Public Library. Library cardholders enjoy a significant discount for Museum of Science admission thanks to the Friends annual purchase of this museum pass. They also provide funding for Summer Reading prizes. The Friends are always looking for volunteers to assist them with fundraisers such as Breakfast with Santa. Please help the Library by joining the Friends.

We also value all our dedicated volunteers: Jim Gullo, Regina Bellemore, Laura Garvey, Marlene Burke, Diane Kordas, Terry Fusco, Karen Rogers, Arianna Olkivikas, Ashley Laro and Devin Giles! Their generosity of time and commitment that they devote to us each week is extraordinary, and we are so grateful. We have some of the most incredibly amazing people working together to make our library an integral part of our community. Please stop in and visit and see for yourself, all that your library has to offer.

We hope to see you soon. Our phone number is 887-3404, our email is chesterpubliclibrary@gmail.com. You may friend us on Facebook at <http://www.facebook.com/chesterpubliclibrary>.



Chester Senior Citizens

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Phone at Center: (603) 887-5034 on Tuesdays 9AM – 12 PM

Once again, the Chester Senior Citizens would like to express their thanks to the Town of Chester for their generous monetary donation which enables us to enjoy many trips and other activities.

Trips/ Events included:

March – Musical (42nd Street) at Pinkerton Academy

May – Lunch at Bolton's Lakeside Restaurant in Kingston

June – A trip on the Hobo Train in Meridith

July – Our annual picnic graciously hosted by Chuck and Louise Ross

October – Lunch at the Astro Café

October – Birthday lunch at the Puritan Back Room.

December – Christmas Party at the Multi-Purpose Room

We were present at the luncheon connected with "Christmas in the Village" where we held a Cookie Walk to raise money for our Club Funds, which are separate from what the Town gives to us. This money covers minor expenses that the Club incurs not included as part of the outings.

In February of each year, the Student Council and Staff at Chester Academy hold a Valentine Breakfast for us at the School. In April, the Lions Club honors us with a wonderful turkey dinner. We are so appreciative of both of these events. There is no question that the Town of Chester is invested in their Senior citizens.

Each year in October, we celebrate the birthday or founding of the Club which began in 1976. It will be thirty years old this year.

We wish to give special thanks to Hilary and Sandy Hall for catering our Christmas Party each year and to Kim Misco and her parents for supplying us with door prizes for the party; and this year, each of us received a cloth bag embossed with "Chester Seniors."

And, as a reminder. . . . the only qualification to join the Chester Seniors is: your age, you must be age 55 or older!

Respectfully Submitted,

Chester Seniors
by Genevieve Rowell



*Pictured Left: Karl
and Penny Knudsen at
the Senior Luncheon*

Annual Report Public Access Community Television (PACT) Committee

The Public Access Community Television Committee (PACT) exists to ensure the operation of our Channels; namely, CCTV-21 (Public), CETV-22 (Education), and CGTV-20 (Government) – the Town of Chester's Access Channels. These Channels are aired as per the Franchise Agreement between the Town of Chester and Comcast communications. CCTV and CGTV broadcasts from the Rangeway Access Center located in the Town Municipal Complex and CETV is located at Chester Academy.



So what is PEG?

The **“P,” or public channel**, is used by community members to televise whatever programs they create or sponsor. The public channel is the one where 1st Amendment Rights of Free Speech are totally protected.

The **“E,” or education channel**, is usually turned over to the local school district to determine who can use it and what kinds of programs will be shown. Very often, this is where you would see videos of classroom activities or student productions which would be approved by the school authorities, as well as the televising of school board meetings.

Finally, the **“G,” or government channel**, is most often used to show gavel-to-gavel coverage of government meetings. These meetings may also be taped and replayed. Some communities produce informational programs about the government or its projects on these channels as well.

This past year, the PACT Committee has made great strides in improving the cable system by upgrading the studio production equipment and the playback and on-air look. Other improvements have been to re-wire the Multi-Purpose Room to use the robotic cameras and the installation of a new audio mixer. The live camera at Stevens Hall continues to be a great asset to the residents of Town. The Committee was able to purchase and implement a new scheduler and graphics system for Channels 20 and 21, as well as two new field cameras. Also, the Committee was able to make the Access Center more user friendly and continues to convert the old VHS programs to a digital format for playback and archives. While completing these accomplishments on the facility and its broadcasting, the PACT Committee is airing live government meetings on Channel 20 from the Meeting Room and from the Rangeway Access Center. The PACT Committee continues to broadcast a local show entitled: ***“Chester, Your Town”*** with Chester resident, Karl Knudsen as its host. ***“Chester Your Town”*** consists of interviews of local residents and local officials and then airs the interviews for cable TV subscribers to view.

In the near future, the PACT Committee will have the opportunity to broadcast other shows from other New Hampshire Access Centers; and we are working on having Chester programs be available to all residents via the Internet. Currently, the PACT Committee is looking at upgrading Channel 22 as the need, funds and equipment become available this upcoming fiscal year.

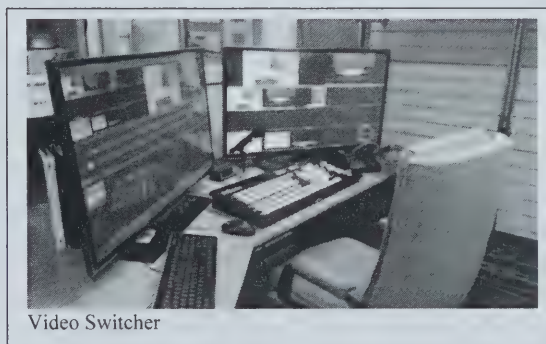
A reminder to Chester residents that the request for PACT funding does not come from taxation but is from the franchise fee (1% of the video fee that Comcast collects) and is put aside into the PACT account which is a Special Revenue Fund established as the "PACT" Fund (Warrant Article 29, May 14, 2003), separate from the General Fund. These funds are used only to continue the operation of the public community television channels currently aired by Chester Academy and the Town.

A reminder to Chester seniors who are over the age of 65: You are eligible to receive a monthly discount of \$2.00 for Standard Cable Service. This was established in the current franchise agreement with Comcast.

Finally, the PACT Committee is always looking for volunteers to assist in supplying local programming and in helping to record the local happenings in Chester.

Respectfully submitted,

Joe Castricone, Selectman Liaison and Member
Robert Grimm, Member
Karl Knudsen, Member
Richard J. LeBlanc, Member
Michael Fisher, Member



Spring Hill Farm Conservation Area Annual Report



Miss Muriel Church moved to Chester with her mother and father in 1914 at the age of eleven. Miss Church became a school teacher in Town, never married, and felt a great bond with all the residents of Chester, even those she had never met. When I would visit her, she often referred to Town residents as her family. After living through Chester's building boom and with no direct heirs to inherit her farm, Miss Church wanted to ensure the protection of her beloved Spring Hill Farm from future subdivision. Eighty-two years after moving to Chester, she decided to donate her entire 400-acre farm, land, farmhouse, barn and outbuildings to the Town of Chester with the only condition that it remain a working farm and open-space for the Town residents to enjoy.

The Selectmen in office at the time (1996) greatly supported the donation and agreed to reimburse all attorney fees incurred by Miss Church as necessary to allow the donation to proceed. The donation would protect the farm's scenic beauty and open-spaces and slow the pace of development in Town which would help defer future taxes to the residents. At the signing of the documents, Miss Church said to the Selectmen that she did not want the farm to become a burden to the Town and her wish was for it to be self-sustaining. The Selectmen assured Miss Church that her property would never be a burden, would be well cared for by the Town and that any cost to the Town or its residents would be minor compared to the significant annual tax savings resulting from the protection of the land from development. The circa 1850's barn located at the farm also has the historical distinction of being the last barn in Chester to be built through the old tradition of a community "Barn Raising."

Prior to her death in December of 2001, Miss Church set up a Board of Trustees to oversee the Farm's activities and a Trust Fund to help defray its daily operational cost. The operations themselves are self-sustaining through the Trust, rental payments, land leases, profit sharing, and the sale of farm-produced products. Tenants of the farmhouse maintain the property as a working farm, make improvements, completing equipment maintenance, and minor building/fence repairs. The buildings and property belong to the Town, not the Trust; and it was agreed upon in 1996 that the Town would be responsible for building maintenance and the Trust would be responsible for its day-to-day operational cost.

The Selectmen and Miss Church's actions in 1996 have resulted in savings to the taxpayers of well over \$250,000 each year (>\$3.5 million over the past 14 years) from the burden on the taxpayers from additional educational and infrastructure costs that would have incurred if the land had been allowed to be developed. Miss Church's gift to the Town and her desire to give something back to those she felt were her family should be cherished and embraced. During the 2014 Town Meeting, voters overwhelmingly supported the Warrant Article asking that the Town incur all maintenance costs for the buildings located at Spring Hill Farm.

Tenants – The Farm's current tenants and caretakers are Jay and Angela Sweet. Jay is related to Miss Church, and they refer to her as Aunt Muriel. Miss Church was Jay's grandmother's cousin and Jay is identified by reference in Miss Church's Trust Document as her wish and desire for her two cousins, or their children or grandchildren be offered the opportunity to live at Spring Hill Farm. Throughout Jay's childhood, his family would visit Miss Church several times a year; and Jay spent the summers in his early teen years working at Spring Hill Farm.

Property Use - The property has many walking and horse trails for all to enjoy, and we encourage residents to do so. Hunting and fishing are allowed throughout both the Towle Road and Lane Road parcels. Those looking for a quiet place often use the secluded woods, streams, beaver dams, ponds and fields to enjoy nature's beauty and solitude. We welcome schools, 4H Groups, Boy & Girl Scouts, etc. to utilize the property for their activities and projects. We are hopeful for the return of horse drawn wagon and sleigh rides this year. The tapping of maple trees are also allowed with prior Town permission. However, the tenant is currently tapping the maple trees on the property. Trapping is allowed as necessary with prior permission by the Town.

Note: The Trustees would like to remind residents that ATVs and snowmobiles are not allowed to operate on the property, including the trails, except for maintenance purposes. The property remains a working farm so please use discretion when utilizing resources and when near the buildings and pastures. No night hunting is allowed.

Respectfully Submitted,

Brad Wamsley
Chair & Treasurer

Spring Hill Farm Trustees

Chuck Myette, Conservation Commission Rep.
Thomas Edwards
Richard LeBlanc
Stephen O. Landau, Selectmen Rep.



Photographs by Angela Sweet

Wason Pond Conservation and Recreation Commission

Wason Pond Conservation and Recreation Area

History

In January of 2003, the Town of Chester purchased 105 acres of land surrounding Wason Pond for the sum of 1.55 million dollars. The land was purchased with conservation funds, which had been set aside for use by the Conservation Commission to purchase properties and conservation easements. The Conservation Commission voted to approve the expenditure in order to acquire the property for mixed conservation and recreational uses.

A seven-person advisory committee oversaw the writing of the conservation easement, which has been placed on the property to protect it from future development or from activities or uses that would be out of keeping with accepted conservation practices. The easement is monitored each year by the Rockingham County Conservation District. A Master Plan for the property was developed outlining goals for the property including the development of ball fields, the reclamation and restoration of the shorelines, wetlands, and other environmentally sensitive areas. The committee was disbanded and replaced by the Wason Pond Conservation and Recreation Commission.

Membership

The Wason Pond Commission is comprised of seven members with two alternates, representing the following groups:

Conservation Commission	Patrick Connelly
Conservation Commission	Charles Myette
Recreation Commission	Kevin Kistler
Recreation Commission	Ed Karjala
Board of Selectmen	Stephen O. Landau
Member at Large	Tom Edwards
Member at Large	Chris Hadik
Alternate 1	Darrell F. Quinn
Alternate 2	Herb Rowell

Mission

The Commission's role is to provide oversight of the Wason Pond Conservation and Recreation Area, thus insuring that the Conservation Easement is being followed, the Master Plan is being implemented correctly, and to provide guidance for future projects and activities in and around Wason Pond.

What's New at Wason Pond?

- In 2013, the front fields of the property were leveled and seeded as the first step in creating ballfields. In 2015, the fields were fertilized and mowed and the condition of the fields

continues to improve. Marking the opening of the fields, a soccer tournament with over 300 Chester children took place on August 30th.

(Photos below taken at Field Day Opening: Courtesy of Tri-Town Times)



- In 2016, a fence will be installed around a portion of the ball fields for the safety of the children.
- The Wason Pond Pounder with over a 1000 participants was held on May 30th. The Pounder has raised over \$140,000 over the last 5 years for local charities.
- Two Eagle Scout projects were completed in 2015 at Wason Pond. Four benches were placed along the trails by Ryan Neal and James Hadik installed a drinking fountain adjacent to the playground. The Wason Pond Conservation and Recreation Commission thank these young men for their contribution to the Town.
- In 2015, there was a large increase in the use of Wason Pond by both Chester residents and people from surrounding towns. This resulted in an unacceptable amount of trash left behind and prohibited activities during and after operating hours of Wason Pond. The Town responded with increased collection of trash by the Maintenance Department and increased patrols by the Police Department. The Commission encourages patrons of Wason Pond to follow the rules posted and to contact the police to report unlawful activities.

Events planned for 2015:

- Spring – Trout Fishing Derby
- The Wason Pond Pounder will be held again at Wason Pond on May 7th. The Pounder is an obstacle course race that raises funds for the Chester Charitable Foundation.
- Boy Scouts yard sale in June.
- The summer recreation program.
- Spring and fall volunteer cleanups.



- Chester Academy Cross Country team uses trails to host meets.
- Walking, fishing, swimming, cross-country skiing, snowshoeing, kayaking, canoeing and horseback riding are some of the many activities happening at Wason Pond.

Future plans for Wason Pond

- Restoration of the barn.
- Continued trail maintenance and utility decommissioning.
- Expanded use of the Wason Pond Ball Fields by Chester Recreation.

The Commission meets on the first Monday of each month at 7 p.m. at the Town Municipal Complex building. All residents are welcome to attend.

Wason Pond is a beautiful, natural resource. Chester is very fortunate to have a multiple-use-area such as this, which is available for residents to use throughout the year.

Please remember the public park closes at dusk and to please carry out any trash.

Respectfully submitted,

Wason Pond Conservation & Recreation Area Commission

*Photo right:
Wason Pond
Timber
Bridge
in a distant
setting in the
Fall.
Courtesy of
Angela Sweet*



Town Fair 2015



The 2015 Chester Town Fair was another great event where families had a chance to socialize and enjoy the food, fun and activities set up throughout the day. Our continuing goal is to bring back the feel of yesteryear where the community comes together to enjoy the many festivities of the day into the night.

Our Parade was led by the Pinkerton Academy JROTC and Marching Band. We had great participation from local civic groups and organizations, including some beautiful vintage automobiles led by our Grand Marshal Chief William Burke.

We had a slew of food and craft vendors and lots of field games and contests for the young and old. We had our annual Pie Eating and Pie Baking contests plus our very competitive Wife Carry and Tug of War contests. Thanks to the Agricultural Commission we were able to keep our old and new favorites of Cow Plop Bingo and the Cutest and Ugliest Chicken Contest.



Wildlife Encounters entertained our youth with hands on learning and experiencing of all the amazing animals. Our newest addition to the Fair was the Ride the Bull which brought smiles to all who dared to take the ride. We will definitely be bringing back the Bull next year.

The evening entertainment began with Fred Marple and his one-man show of Yankee humor, music and assorted nonsense that brought laughter to all. The Coos Canyon Band performed for a second year to kick off our annual fireworks extravaganza which are the best around.

The Chester Town Fair Committee has already begun planning for the 2016 Chester Town Fair which will be held on Saturday, September 10, 2016. For more information please visit us at www.chestertownfair.com.

The entire Chester Town Fair Committee would like to express our gratitude to all who made this year's fair a huge success.

The Police and Fire Departments worked tirelessly through the day to make sure everyone was safe both on the roads and in the fields. Thanks to our Highway Department for their participation and demonstration. Town Maintenance was a big help behind the scenes. Our vendors and musicians and Town Officials all did an amazing job participating in the glorious day and keeping everyone entertained and informed.

Fire Chief Richard Antoine and the Fire Department deserve a big thank you for managing and hosting the best fireworks show in the area as well as helping out in many other ways throughout the day of the fair and also during setup and teardown.



We want to especially thank our generous Sponsors. Their contributions made it possible to add the additional entertainment and games we all enjoyed.

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Chester Rod and Gun Club, Granite State Communications, Simply the Best Entertainment

GOLD SPONSORS

Chester General Store, Chester Therapy Associates, Stone Machine

SILVER SPONSORS

Jemco Builder & Developer, Kerry's Dance Center, Twig & Tulip Floral Studio

To all of the folks who came out to enjoy the day and those who participated in our games, we are so glad you had a good time. We are looking forward to next year's fair already and hope to see you all again.

Your Chester Town Fair Committee 2015

*Cindy Bortz, Tim Bortz, Sharon DeLuca, Midge Goldberg, Jane Grimm, Christi Karjala,
Ed Karjala, Corinna Reishus, Beth Swanson, Eric Swanson and Michelle Trask*

Chester Conservation Commission

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Monthly Meetings – 2nd Tuesday of
the Month, 7:00 PM, Meeting Room

*Please Strive to be Sustainable: Reduce, Recycle and Minimize waste, Lower Energy Use,
Support Social Responsibility, and Reduce your Carbon Footprint.*

Small changes, big effects! Think big!

Start with small changes that make a big difference in your own energy use and in the pollution we generate on our planet. If every American home replaced their five most frequently used light fixtures or the bulbs in them with ones that have earned the ENERGY STAR label, we could save nearly eight **billion** dollars (\$8,000,000,000) each year in energy costs! Together, we would *prevent* greenhouse gases equivalent to the emissions from nearly 10 million cars!

Conservation saves in more ways than one can imagine! Not only is it good for the environment, but it is great on your wallet.

Currently, the Chester Conservation Commission has six-members, all-volunteers and board-appointed by the Selectmen under the provisions of NH RSA 36-A: 2 which allows municipalities in New Hampshire to establish commissions “for the proper utilization and protection of the natural resources and for the protection of watershed resources.” This work includes preparing maps and plans, “keeping an index of open space and natural, aesthetic, or ecological areas” within the town in order to obtain information “pertinent to proper utilization of all such areas,” managing our forests, and protecting our natural resources through strategic land acquisition and conservation easements. The Commission acts as an advisory board to other town and State boards and agencies involved in land use planning, wetland impacts, and protection of natural resources in Chester.

The Chester Conservation Commission meets on the second Tuesday of each month at 7:00 PM in the Town Hall Meeting Room at 84 Chester Street. These meetings are used to review subdivision applications, wetlands permit applications, and other matters presented to the Commission for comment. Our meetings are televised and open to the public. Your input is encouraged.

The Conservation Commission members are as follows: Charles Myette, Chairman; Patrick Connelly-Treasurer, Baron Richardson, Phil Cassista, and Debra Munson. Presently, the Commission is in need of one (1) new member. Please contact one of the existing members if you are interested in joining and in helping to conserve Chester’s natural resources.

The past year (2015-2016), the Conservation Commission has been working on several land preservation and protection projects and reviewing land development projects.

Land Conservation – At this time, the Conservation Commission provides stewardship on over 40 conservation easements. Chester has over 2,000 acres of protected farmland, forests and wetlands. The monitoring of these properties is funded by the Conservation and Forest accounts.

The Conservation Commission was very happy this year to work with Charlie and Carol Fredrickson on a land purchase off of Town Farm Road which includes wetlands and an area known as Three Camp Island. The addition of this parcel completed preservation of significant wetlands and wildlife area between Town Farm Road and Pomp Road.

Four other “Open Space Subdivisions” (Buxton Estates Haverhill Road, Cedar View Estates Raymond Road, Jigsaw Builders Reed Road, and Mclean Sandown Road) in coordination with the Planning Board were also finalized and recorded. These five projects will add approximately another 150 acres of land to Chester’s protected land list. Also, the Commission is looking at four additional areas for conservation preservation.

Wason Pond – The Conservation Commission is an active member of the Wason Pond Conservation and Recreation Commission. Two members of the Commission (Chuck Myette and Patrick Connelly) sit on the advisory board. The 105-acre Wason Pond Conservation and Recreation Area (WPCRA) was purchased with \$1.55 million dollars from the Town’s Conservation Fund and is governed by an easement that restricts use to recreation and conservation purposes.

Spring Hill Farm – Also, one member of the Conservation Commission (Chuck Myette) is an active Trustee of the Spring Hill Farm Trust. In accordance with Miss Church’s wishes (former Chester school teacher who donated a working farm with a house, barn, outbuildings and over 400 acres of farm land to the Town before her passing) the Spring Hill Farm Trustees manage the land and act as stewards of the Trust and Conservation Easement. This year’s efforts were focused on improving and updating the farm house, clearing the trails, and farming the land.

Exeter/Squamscot Rivers Local Advisory Committee (ESRLAC) –The Exeter River begins as a small stream in the protected Herrick Woods Conservation Area of Chester and gains strength from several tributaries before it tumbles over the dam in downtown Exeter and changes its identity to the tidal Squamscot River. The Conservation Commission is a long-time member of ESRLAC representing the interests of Chester. More than 18% of the Exeter River Watershed lies within the Chester Town limits; and because of the smaller size of the River, near the head waters it is more sensitive to change in water quality as a result of urbanization. Over the past 20 years, the impervious surface in Chester has more than doubled increasing runoff as evidenced by localized flooding. ESRLAC is working with several of the towns to evaluate problem areas and to help fund reconstruction projects as well as evaluating nutrient non-point sources.

Town Forests – The Conservation Commission has the responsibility to manage the Town Forest properties. The Commission is evaluating a timber harvest of Hemlock trees in the southwoods of Chester. The trees are showing stress due to white fungus.

Agricultural Commission -The Conservation Commission has two members of the Conservation Commission (Chuck Myette and Patrick Connelly) serving on Chester’s Agricultural Commission with a mission to promote land conservation and the marketing of locally-grown products. Several lectures were conducted this year as well as hosting the Cow Plop Bingo contest at the Town Fair.

UNH Extension - The Commission is continuing to work with the University of New Hampshire to update our Natural Resources Inventory maps and to prepare a new “Wildlife Habitat” map.

Commission Membership – The Commission Meetings are open to the public, and we welcome new members who wish to have a hand in the future of Chester and the preservation of its natural resources and rural characteristics. Please join us in conserving Chester’s unique and valuable resources.

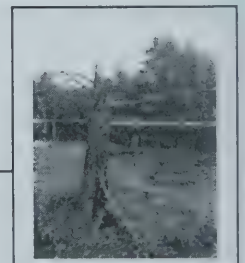
Chester Conservation Commission

Chuck Myette, Chairman

*Photo Right:
Wason Pond
(Courtesy of
Deb Munson)*



*Photo Right: Steam Mill Pond
in Southwoods area (Courtesy
of Chuck Myette)*



Chester Agricultural Commission

Contact: Gary Van Geyte, Chairman

Tel: (603) 548-5550

Email: gvg@gsinet.net

Bi-Monthly Meetings: 4th Tuesday of
the month, 7:00PM, Meeting Room

The Chester Agricultural Commission is a seven-member volunteer board:

Gary Van Geyte, Chairman
Chuck Myette, Vice Chairman
Steve Boeske
Patrick Connelly
Jeff Geary
Jodi Boeske, Alternate

The Mission of the Chester Agricultural Commission:

- To represent Chester farms and to advise the Chester Town regulatory bodies on agricultural matters.
- To facilitate communication among farmers, to educate the community in agriculture, and to promote the business of farming and farm activities in Chester.
- To promote and to help preserve the farms, agricultural lands, and rural character of Chester.

The Commission seeks to continue to build on existing relationships with residents and farmers, and to interact with the public, through its Facebook page, [Chester, NH Agricultural Commission](#).

The Commission sponsored a jam making and canning class in the Chester Kitchen in June, with the support of *Debbie D's Homemade* and the UNH Cooperative Extension. We have also received requests for soap making, maple sugaring, and tractor maintenance classes. Do you have any other suggestions? Please feel free to send them to our email address, ChesterAg@gsinet.net.

The Commission's largest public interaction is at September's Town Fair where Chester residents may ask questions, obtain our popular tri-fold brochure, and greet other farmers and Commission members. A booth was set up again this year, and Chester farms were encouraged to sign up for notifications from the Commission to begin a friendly, informative relationship. Those that signed up were added to our current farm database.

The contest for cute and ugly chickens continued and continued, reflecting the community's passion for back yard fowl. The cow plop bingo game raised funds that will again be given to the Chester Public Library for funding of community service. And as you can see, the alpacas were also quite popular!



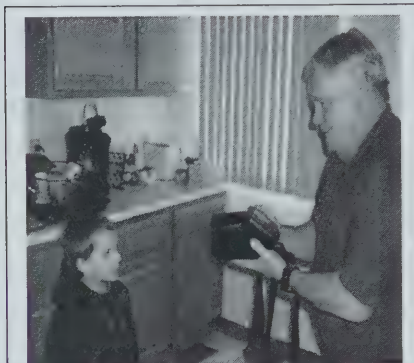
Most importantly, the Agricultural Commission thanks you for buying local, and for enjoying the farm-fresh foods and products of Chester.

Chester Lions Club

Contact: Leslie Packard, President
Tel: 603-483-2669
Email: lpackard445@comcast.net

Dinner Meetings-2nd Thursday of the month at 7 pm--Stevens Memorial Hall
Board Meetings-3rd Thursday of the month at 7 pm-WP Community Center

The Chester Lions Club is a nonprofit organization dedicated to serving the community and Lions International projects worldwide.



*Theodore Doherty & Bruce Baker
OKS Eye Screening*

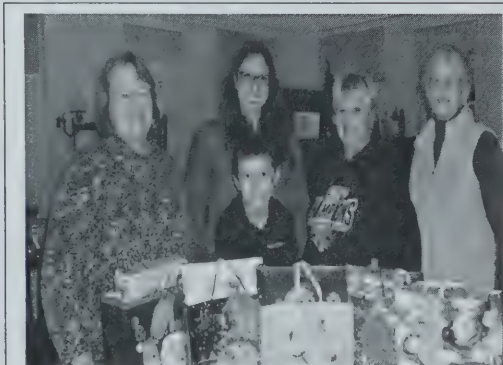
This year, we had our first Operation Kid Sight Vision Screening (OKS) at the Chester Public Library. Even though we only screened 19 children and adults, we believe it was a huge success. Please be aware that the best time to catch and to correct eye problems is in the first six years of a child's life. We would like to provide this service, free of charge, to all pre-school, kindergarten and school-age children in the community. Please contact Colleen Towle at (603) 887-3183 to make arrangements for the Lions Club to provide this service to your children. Also, we help those (children or adults) who need extra help with eye exams and glasses.

We are still working hard at the usual fundraisers with our "Purple People Feeder" such as the Town Fair, Reach-the-Beach Relay Race and the Wason Pond Pounder. We did change the date of our Yard Sale to two weeks before the Town Fair to make it easier for our small Club to have enough workers at each project. The Club also had three members participate in a 3K Walk for the Blind to benefit the New Hampshire Association for the Blind.

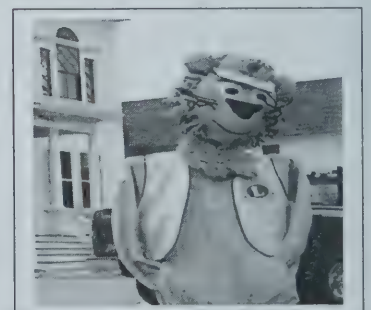
We continue to provide a \$1000.00 scholarship to a high school senior from Pinkerton Academy and a \$50.00 gift card to the most improved Chester Academy girl and boy. Each year, we put out donation boxes and collect warm clothes for the needy, and we donate to Lions International for their many charities.



*Leslie Packard, Colleen Towle,
Dianne MacBurnie*



*Pictured Left: Leslie Packard,
Carla Beck, with son, Joey,
Sheryl Baker, and Colleen Towle
With gifts for the "Mitten Tree."*



Lion Scarecrow



*Man & Woman of the Year
Leslie & Bob Packard*

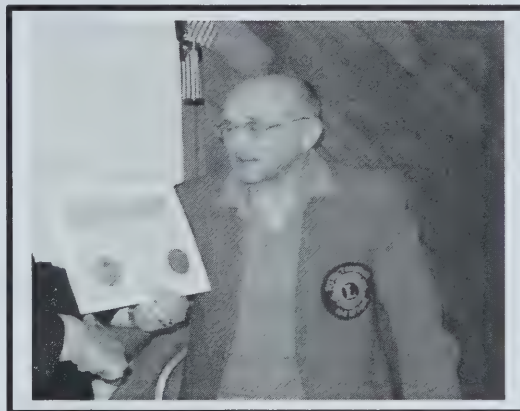
The Chester Lions Club holds its annual Banquet for Chester Seniors (age 55 and up) in the Multi-purpose Room at Town Hall where we recognize two Chester Seniors with "The Man and Woman of the Year Award." The Chester Lions Club also opens Stevens Memorial Hall to all the Trick-or-Treaters on Halloween.

Our Club is slowly growing with the induction of four new members this year. If you are interested in joining a great service organization, please feel free to come to one of our meetings or to contact our Membership Chairman, Charlie Frederick at (603) 887-5767.

Check out our Facebook page at: Chester, NH Lions Club.

This report is dedicated to Philip Menard (1935-2015) Charter member of the Chester Lions Club and Past District Governor of District 44H (1977-1978) Rest In Peace, Phil! We love and miss you!

Respectfully submitted
Colleen Towle
Chester Lions Club



**PDG Phil Menard
(1935-2015)**



**Bob Packard, Charlie Frederick,
John Chiaradonna, Grace Collette,
Leslie Packard, Sheryl Baker,
Dianne MacBurnie, Carol Frederick, and
Bruce Baker**

Town of Chester

New Hampshire



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MARRIAGES

Bride and Groom	Place of Marriage	Date of Marriage
Eileen J. Hutcheson of Chester to Kenneth J. Lambert of Chester	Chester, NH	January 15, 2015
Kayle Gawrys of Chester, NH to Jonathan D. Marfil of Vacaville, CA	Derry, NH	January 17, 2015
James E. Blackwell of Chester, NH to Amanda A. Mooshian of Salem, NH	Merrimack, NH	April 26, 2015
Aaron W. Landau of Chester, NH to Kimberly A. Gallipeau of Hampstead, NH	Manchester, NH	May 30, 2015
Molly K. Mansfield of Chester, NH to Timothy D. Handler of Chester, NH	Sandown, NH	June 20, 2015
Ryan J. Sherwell of Chester, NH to David J. Rebidue of Chester, NH	Chester, NH	July 11, 2015
Jacqueline A. Godwin of Chester, NH to Robert S. Lanzillo of Chester, NH	Chester, NH	July 25, 2015
Jennifer E. Boyden of Chester, NH to Stacy M. Seidner of Chester, NH	North Conway, NH	August 4, 2015
Laura M. Thielker of Chester, NH to Christopher R. Albert of Chester, NH	Chester, NH	August 22, 2015
Charles A. Saggese of Chester, NH to Richard J. Stoner of Chester, NH	Chester, NH	August 30, 2015
Eric J. Gaudet of Chester, NH to Adam L. Wefers of Chester, NH	Amherst, NH	September 18, 2015
Heather M. Doherty of Chester, NH to Thomas J. Glidden of Rochester, NH	Manchester, NH	September 26, 2015
Spencer J. Traynor of Chester, NH to Amanda N. Page of Seabrook, NH	Epping, NH	October 17, 2015
Katherine R. Demers of Chester, NH to Alan F. Dupras Sr. of Chester, NH	Chester, NH	November 21, 2015
Hannah E. Kopacz of Chester, NH to Alexander S. Payne of Danvers, MA	Auburn, NH	December 5, 2015

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BIRTHS

Child's Name	Birth Date	Birth Place	Father's Name	Mother's Name
Scichilone, Arianna Krystyna	April 7, 2015	Manchester, NH	Scichilone, Vincent	Scichilone, Agnieszka
Juarez, Jessica Christina	April, 14, 2015	Manchester, NH	Juarez, Frank	Juarez, Christina
Deshaies, Eve Kathleen	April 19, 2015	Nashua, NH	Deshaies, Micah	Deshaies, Jenna
Reed, Landen Cade	April 30, 2015	Manchester, NH		Reed, Shalyn
Theori, Carter Stylianos	May 14, 2015	Portsmouth, NH	Theori, Loucas	Theori, Kayla
Livesey, Calla Helena	June 6, 2015	Portsmouth, NH	Livesey, Gregory	Livesey, Kimberly
Scott, Slade Harper	July 1, 2015	Exeter, NH	Scott, Douglas	Scott, Katherine
Kearney, Raegan Elaine	July 8, 2015	Exeter, NH	Kearney, Andrew	Kearney, Kendra
Horn, Abigail Lynn	July 10, 2015	Manchester, NH	Horn, Christian	Horn, Sarah
Rudolph, Madelyn Grace	August 20, 2015	Manchester, NH	Rudolph Jr., Kenneth	Young, Amanda
Glidden, Dallas Carter	September 21, 2015	Manchester, NH	Glidden, Thomas	Doherty, Heather
Compagnone, Douglas Francis	November 18, 2015	Exeter, NH	Compagnone, Gino	Compagnone, Erica
Owens, Charlie Anne	November 23, 2015	Manchester, NH	Owens, Jeremy	Owens, Rebecca

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DEATHS

Decedent's Name	Death Date	Death Place	Father's Name	Mother's Maiden Name	Military
Pepper Sr., John	January 7, 2015	Manchester, NH	Pepper, Samuel	Crichton, Johanna	N
Simpson, Jacqueline	January 13, 2015	Derry, NH	Gilchrist, James	Bernhardt, Helen	N
Cannon, Holly	January 14, 2015	Boston, MA	Cannon, John	Stuckey, Barbara	N
Janiak, Jennifer	January 30, 2015	Derry, NH	Janiak, Thomas	Buckley, Janet	N
Tucker, Marjorie	April 1, 2015	Derry, NH	Frederick, Stanley	Bond, Jessie	N
Murphy, Leo	May 8, 2015	Stratham, NH	Murphy, Leo	Cadigan, Margaret	N
Lipnicki, Paul	June 9, 2015	Derry, NH	Lipnicki, Anthonio	Nosul, Jozefa	Y
Sirois, Donald	June 20, 2015	Derry, NH	Sirois, Peter	Berube, Lucille	N
Brown, Rosemary	July 20, 2015	Derry, NH	Cashman, Raymond	Kelleher, Mary	N
Lamphere, Darrell	August 20, 2015	Manchester, NH	Lamphere, Charles	Bertrand, Lucille	Y
Healey Sr., Brian	October 6, 2015	Chester, NH	Healey, Carroll	Jenkerson, Beverly	N
Hamel, Albert	October 12, 2015	Jaffrey, NH	Hamel, Albert	Savard, Marie Anne	Y
Mullins, Dennis	October 18, 2015	Manchester, NH	Mullins, Dennis	Luiz, Beverly	N
Rocchio, Ursula	October 24, 2015	Derry, NH	Bagger, Herman	Rosenau, Erna	N
Travis, Robert	November 4, 2015	Chester, NH	Travis, George	Hall, Adelina	Y
Mansur, Linda	November 8, 2015	Derry, NH	Woods, Albert	Ross, Mary	N
Barrows, Michael	December 15, 2015	Merrimack, NH	Barrows, John	Oxley, Kathleen	Y

Town of Chester Official Town Election May 12th and 16th, 2015

The Town of Chester election for officers and zoning amendments was held on Tuesday, May 12th, 2015. The election was held at the Chester Multi-Purpose Room. The polls were opened at 7:00am. Moderator Michael Scott officially closed the polls at 7:00pm.

Article #1: To choose the necessary Town Officials for the ensuing year.

424 ballots were cast. The results of the election were as follows:

Board of Selectmen for 3 years:

(Vote for not more than 2)

Richard S. Trask	-	251*
William T. Ahie	-	94
John E. Cannon	-	240*
Richard J. LeBlanc	-	119
Charlotte A. Lister	-	71
Michael A. Mesnikoff	-	14

Road Agent for 2 years:

(Vote for not more than 1)

Dennis J. Sienkiewicz	-	84
Michael J. Oleson	-	320*

Library Trustee for 3 years:

(Vote for not more than 2)

Barbara J. Holmes	-	335*
Mary Beth Ditoro	-	306*

Library Trustee for 1 year:

(Vote for not more than 1)

Mary L. Richardson	-	360*
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Budget Committee Member for 3 years:

(Vote for not more than 2)

Rhonda L. Lamphere	-	287*
Charles R. Heuer	-	279*

Apparently there was an error on the ballot; there were three open positions for Budget Committee Member for 3 years, and only two candidates. There were a number of

write-in votes. The Budget Committee may choose from among these write-ins.

Budget Committee Member for 2 years:

(Vote for not more than 1)

Michael A. Weider	-	291*
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Trustee of the Trust Funds for 3 years:

(Vote for not more than 1)

Although there were no candidates for this position, there were write-in votes. Residents should see Moderator Scott at the break to indicate if they are interested in the open position.

Great Hill Cemetery Trustee for 5 years:

(Vote for not more than 1)

Darrell F. Quinn	-	373*
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Village Cemetery Trustee for 3 years:

(Vote for not more than 1)

Although there were no candidates for this position, there were write-in votes. Residents should see Moderator Scott at the break to indicate if they are interested in the open position.

Wilcomb Townsend Trustee for 5 years:

(Vote for not more than 1)

Dianna Charron	-	366*
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There was no vote needed on Article #1.

At this point, School District Moderator David Scott took control of the meeting to report the results from the School elections.

School Board Member for 3 years:

(Vote for not more than 1)

Royal M. Richardson	-	350*
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School District Moderator Scott moved to close the School portion of the meeting; this motion was seconded. The question was called; the voice vote was in the affirmative.

The School portion of the meeting is closed.

Moderator Scott congratulated all newly elected officials. He then read Articles #2 and #3, and announced the results.

Article #2

Are you in favor of the adoption of **Amendment # 1** as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town zoning ordinance as follows?

Amend: Subsection 6.4.3 Constrained Acreage or Land by adding the word “pre-existing” before “...dedicated public right-of-way...” in the last sentence.

Yes 273 / No 92 Article #2 carries.

Article #3

Are you in favor of the adoption of **Amendment # 2** as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town zoning ordinance as follows?

Amend: Subsection 6.7.1 by adding a second sentence that reads, “To qualify as a parent lot, the lot must be at least 25 acres in size (see Table 1).”

Yes 228 / No 140 Article #3 carries.

A motion was made to consider the Articles in the order in which they are listed in the Warrant; this motion was seconded. The voice vote was in the affirmative. **Articles will be considered in the order in which they are listed in the Warrant.**

A motion was made to restrict reconsideration of the vote on the order of the Warrant Articles; this motion was seconded. The voice vote was in the affirmative. **There will be no reconsideration of the above-mentioned vote.**

A motion was made to waive re-reading of entire articles; this motion was seconded. The voice vote was in the affirmative; so moved. **Warrant Articles will only need to be read in their entirety once.**

Budget Committee Member Lamphere reminded residents that the maximum allowable appropriation today will be \$5,019,070.

Article #4 - Budget

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the Budget Committee recommended amount of \$3,893,851 for the operating budget for the support of Town government for the payment of salaries and for the payment of statutory obligations of the Town. Tally vote – 4 yes/3 no. The Board of Selectmen recommends \$4,119,051 by a Tally Vote – 5 yes/0 no. This article does not include appropriations voted in other warrant articles.

	BOS	BC
General Government	\$1,782,640	\$1,712,616
Public Safety	986,457	\$929,162
Highways, Streets, Bridges	698,498	\$619,290
Sanitation	178,750	\$169,350
Health & Welfare	52,612	\$49,262
Culture & Recreation	247,130	\$241,357
Conservation & Eco. Dev.	1,800	\$1,650
Debt Service	171,164	\$171,164
Total Appropriation	\$4,119,051	\$3,893,851

Article #4 was read, moved to the floor, and seconded. Moderator Scott called for discussion.

A motion was made that the budget be amended to \$4,083,344; this motion was seconded. Moderator Scott called for discussion.

Vice-Chairman Hagan stated that the amended figure decreases the Selectmen's recommended budget by \$36,000.

Colin Costine asked if the Board of Selectmen was familiar with the term "zero-based budgeting". He stated that every year there are 'one-time expenses' that cause an increase that year, and that one expects will go away the next; they never do.

Mr. Costine also noted that he had perused the Budget from Town Meeting of May 14th, 2002. That year's budget was for \$1,335,000; this year's is \$4,119,051. In the past 13 years, CPI was up 26.5%, but during the same time period, Government Buildings was up 57%; Safety, 64%; and Highway, 93%. He added that the increase in the Highway request doesn't include the \$85k Winter Maintenance Fund, which gets spent every year and is over and above the Budget and Warrant Articles.

Mr. Costine stated that he understood that nobody liked confrontation and that nobody wanted to be at loggerheads with the Department Heads, but that the increase was much higher than CPI; the Town needs a Town Manager to keep control of costs.

Chairman Landau stated that percentages are great, but aren't actual numbers; the budget needs to be looked at in terms of actual numbers. The Board of Selectmen's original budget request of \$4,119,051 would raise taxes \$151 on a \$350k home. Out of the 1,725 homes in Chester, 237 of them are valued at \$350k or above; that leaves 1,488 valued at under \$350k, so the tax impact will be less.

Chairman Landau added that it is important to remember that when a budget is decreased substantially, people lose services. The Budget Committee is fond of saying "we don't need", but, for example, 24/7 police coverage **is** needed – police deaths are up 89% this year. It is also important to remember that the CIP is being partially funded out of the Unexpended Fund Balance. If there is no surplus due to a drastically cut budget, no monies will be returned to that Fund. If cuts must be made, which services would people like reduced?

Budget Committee Chair Weider stated that the function of the Budget Committee, per RSA 32.1, is "to assist voters in the prudent appropriation of public funds". He outlined the Budget review process and the Committee's priorities. He added that in 2010, Chester's population was 4,766; in 2015, it is 4,789, an increase of 23 people. He does not consider Chester to be a growing town, and does not believe that the budget growth is supported by the population growth.

Moderator Scott interjected, at this time, that Mr. Costine's previous comments about the increase in the budget did not address population growth in the past 13 years. Chairman Landau added that the Jenkins Farm development, which was originally going to be a Senior Citizen residence, was recently approved by the Planning Board and will contain 65 new homes. In 1979, Chester had a population of 1,400; now it has over 1,700 homes. The population is now ~3,200–3,300 voters, plus children. Chester needs to plan ahead. He also noted that it is the Town's right and responsibility to say yes or no to new employees; a Town Manager, as mentioned by Mr. Costine, would be a significant additional cost.

Chris Hadik stated that he had reviewed the budget, and that there are no cuts; the amount is up from last year. He stated that there is adequate funding, and no reason for services to be cut.

He added that the \$190k in additional spending won't get you much, and it will impact the 10% figure – some Warrant Articles will not be able to be passed.

Budget Committee Chair Weider stated that if the CIP were in place, the Town would be getting impact fees. Because the Board of Selectmen didn't fund the CIP last year, there is no money for road work this year.

Selectman LeBlanc stated that the Board planned to get work done at the best possible cost, but it was not always possible to plan for the unexpected; for example, the Post Office painting was expected to cost \$44k, but after work began it was discovered that some of the electrical panels had been recalled back in the 80s and needed to be replaced; this increased the cost. He added that as the Budget Committee is not in favor of 24/7 police coverage, they simply slashed the gas and overtime lines to attempt to prevent it. The Town owns over 100 buildings; money needs to be spent to maintain these.

Cynthia Herman noted that there had been quite a few cuts in the New Hampshire state budget. Many low income people would be losing their health coverage as of July 1st; cuts have been made to Meals on Wheels, transportation, and caregivers. ServiceLink is gone; Shelters have been cut \$4M; Highway Block Grants, \$8M; Construction, \$3.4M. A total of \$30.4M less is going to community based care. Education has been cut \$24.2M. Police Grants have been cut. The Senate does not plan to raise taxes; the Town will have to cover these expenses, and she does not think that they were taken into account when the Budget was drawn up.

Chris Hadik stated that the Town never voted for 24/7 Police coverage, in fact, that the Town had rejected it. Charlotte Lister stated that she prefers 24/7 coverage. She pointed out that the Budget Committee slashed the Highway Department's budget, but that after this winter, the roads were torn up and have to be fixed. The Board of Selectmen will need to find the funding somewhere.

Budget Committee member Lamphere disputed Selectman LeBlanc's comments, saying that the Budget Committee didn't reduce funding for services; they merely reduced lines that had not been spent down previously. She added that the amendment on the floor to increase last year's budget by \$78k had gone totally to the Highway Department. She stated that the Budget Committee believes that the Town's employees should cover more of their health insurance costs, so they reduced the benefits line. She stated that expanded labor is always expensive because of benefits.

Chairman Landau interjected that as the Town does not produce a product, the only thing it **does** fund is services.

Road Agent Michael Oleson noted that he has asked for road work to be funded every year for the past eight. The Budget Committee has cut him backwards from last year. It was a rough winter, and the roads are a mess; he cannot keep the roads passable with less money.

Selectman Cannon stated that it was premature to say that the Board had absorbed overages; as things are, the budget may be overspent by the end of the Fiscal Year.

Vice-Chairman Hagan asked that the rhetoric be lowered, adding that the Board of Selectmen would spend whatever the Town chose to give them. The Board reviews the budget every week; they are not profligate spenders. He also added that CPI was intended for urban usage.

Discussion being ended, the question was called as to the Amendment. The voice vote was inconclusive; a show of hands was requested.

Yes 60 / No 42

The Amendment to Article #4 carries, and it now reads:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the ~~Budget Committee~~

~~recommended~~ amount of ~~\$3,893,851~~ \$4,083,344 for the operating budget for the support of Town government for the payment of salaries and for the payment of statutory obligations of the Town.

Moderator Scott called for further discussion, but there was none.

Discussion being ended, the question was called; the voice vote was in the affirmative.

Article #4 carries.

Special Article # 5 - MPR Floor

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One hundred ten thousand dollars (\$110,000.00) to repair, replace, and renovate the floor in the Town of Chester's Multipurpose Room and further to authorize the withdrawal of Twenty-thousand dollars (\$20,000) from the Municipal Complex maintenance and improvement Capital Reserve Fund established at the 2006 Town Meeting for that purpose, and further to authorize the transfer of up to Thirty-five thousand dollars (\$35,000) from the June 30, 2015 fund balance available for transfer on July 1, 2015 and the remaining amount of Fifty-five thousand dollars (\$55,000) to be raised through taxation. Tax Impact: \$.11

Recommended by Board of Selectmen

Tally Vote – 3 yes/2 no

Not Recommended by Budget Committee

Tally Vote – 0 yes/6 no

Special Warrant Article #5 was read, moved to the floor, and seconded. Moderator Scott called for discussion.

A motion was made that Special Article #5 be amended from \$110,000 to \$87,000; this motion was seconded. The amount raised by taxation will be reduced from \$55,000 to \$32,000. Moderator Scott called for discussion.

Recreation Commission Chair Swanson explained that the Warrant Article was able to be amended down as more information and specific bids were received, not just a 'best guess'. \$20k would be taken from the 2006 Maintenance Fund, \$35k from the Unexpended Fund Balance, and \$32k from taxation.

The current floor lifespan was expected to be 10-15 years when it was built in 1986, 29 years ago. Architect David Laurin, who tested the floor, noted that the concrete needs repair to seal against moisture, as some spots tested at 94% humidity. A new floor can then be poured or laid on top of the concrete. New floors are expected to have a lifespan of over 20 years.

If the floor is not repaired, use of the room may need to be restricted for safety reasons.

Budget Committee Member Heuer asked about a contingency plan, as many projects don't come in on budget once they are underway. Recreation Commission Chair Swanson stated that she had anticipated this, and added 10% to the highest bid to account for overruns. If the final figure is less than expected, a smaller amount will be withdrawn from the Unexpended Fund Balance.

Selectman Castricone stated that although he did not support the project at \$110k, he was in favor of it at \$87k.

Budget Committee Chair Weider stated that the Budget Committee didn't support this Article because they did not have enough information until the day of the Public Hearing. As a citizen, he supports the floor repair, as he does not consider it safe. Groups can use Chester Academy, but there is a lot of competition for the limited space.

Leroy Scott noted that the bleachers are an unknown factor that should be taken into consideration.

Discussion being ended, the question was called as to the Amendment; the voice vote was in

the affirmative. **The Amendment to Special Article #5 carries**, and it now reads:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of ~~One hundred ten~~ Eighty seven thousand dollars ~~(\$110,000.00)~~ (\$87,000.00) to repair, replace, and renovate the floor in the Town of Chester's Multipurpose Room and further to authorize the withdrawal of Twenty-thousand dollars (\$20,000) from the Municipal Complex maintenance and improvement Capital Reserve Fund established at the 2006 Town Meeting for that purpose, and further to authorize the transfer of up to Thirty-five thousand dollars (\$35,000) from the June 30, 2015 fund balance available for transfer on July 1, 2015 and the remaining amount of ~~Fifty-five~~ Thirty two thousand dollars ~~(\$55,000)~~ (\$32,000) to be raised through taxation.

As there was no further discussion, the question was called; the voice vote was in the affirmative.

Special Article #5 carries.

Article #6 – Utility Tractor

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to enter into a four (4) year lease/purchase agreement for Twenty-eight thousand two hundred fifty dollars (\$28,250.00) for the purpose of purchasing and equipping a utility tractor and further to raise and appropriate the sum of Seven thousand six hundred fifty-five dollars (\$7,655.00) to fund the first year's payment under the lease. The lease/purchase agreement contains an escape clause. Tax Impact: \$.01

Recommended by Board of Selectmen

Tally Vote – 5 yes/0 no

Not Recommended by Budget Committee

Tally Vote – 0 yes/6 no

Article #6 was read, moved to the floor, and seconded. Moderator Scott called for discussion.

Selectman LeBlanc stated that the Maintenance Supervisor researched this prospective purchase. This is the lowest bid, as the tractor would be drop shipped direct from the manufacturer with no dealer middleman. It comes with a mowing deck, and a backhoe, brush hog, snow blower, and bucket attachment. The brush hog attachment alone, for example, would save the Town ~\$4k each year.

Selectman Castricone added that the Town has more and more property to maintain. This tractor is planned to replace the current one, which will then become a secondary. The Town is currently borrowing a tractor from Spring Hill Farm.

Budget Committee Chair Weider stated that the Budget Committee does not support this purchase; they believe that it is the wrong equipment for the Town. He described it as a mower for residences, not for commercial use; and as it would be used mainly for mowing, the Budget Committee believes that a zero-turn mower would be a better purchase.

Discussion being ended, the question was called; the voice vote was in the negative.

Article #6 fails.

Special Article #7 – Winter Maintenance

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Eighty-five thousand dollars (\$85,000.00) to be added to the Winter Road Maintenance Expendable Trust Fund established in 2006 for the purpose of sanding, salting and plowing in the Town of Chester. The Winter Road Expendable Trust Fund shall not exceed Eighty-five thousand dollars (\$85,000.00). Tax Impact: \$.17

Recommended by Board of Selectmen

Tally Vote – 5 yes/0 no

Recommended by Budget Committee

Tally Vote – 6 yes/0 no

Special Article #7 was read, moved to the floor, and seconded. Moderator Scott called for discussion.

Road Agent Oleson stated that the entire Winter Maintenance Fund had been used up this past year, and it needs to be replenished.

Discussion being ended, the question was called; the voice vote was in the affirmative.

Special Article #7 carries.

Special Article #8 – Building Improvement Capital Reserve

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Eighteen thousand five hundred dollars (\$18,500.00) for the purpose of repairing the municipal complex heating system (oil tank) as mandated by the State of New Hampshire and further to authorize the withdrawal of Eighteen thousand five hundred dollars (\$18,500.00) from the Building Improvement and Maintenance Capital Reserve Fund created at the 2008 Town Meeting for that purpose. Tax Impact: \$.00

Recommended by Board of Selectmen

Tally Vote – 4 yes/0 no/1 Abstain

Not Recommended by Budget Committee

Tally Vote – 1 yes/4 no/1 Abstain

Special Article #8 was read, moved to the floor, and seconded. Moderator Scott called for discussion. A motion was made that this Warrant Article be amended to \$37,570.00; this motion was seconded.

Selectman Castricone stated that this project was first raised five years ago. There is \$42,000 in the account; an accurate quote was not on hand when the Warrant Article was written.

This is a three-part project. Part #1, single lines need to be replaced with double lines by December 2015, per DES; Part #2, the old lines going to the Annex need to be removed; and Part #3, installing two 275-gallon fuel tanks for the furnace. The Budget Committee had asked for proof of the need to replace the single lines; he procured a letter from DES. December 22nd, 2015 is the cut-off date; according to the Contractor, DES has the authority to drain the Town's oil tanks on December 22nd if it has not complied with the directive. He added that this Warrant Article has zero tax impact.

Budget Committee Chair Weider stated that the Budget Committee never had good data on this request, even at the Public Hearing. He added that this directive from DES only applies to single-walled tanks, and the Town's tanks are double-walled. The Budget Committee believes that this project is not necessary.

Selectman Castricone reiterated that the project is not to remove the Town's tanks; it is to remove the lines.

The question was called as to the amendment; the voice vote was in the negative. The Amendment to **Special Article #8 fails**.

As there was no further discussion, the question was called; the voice vote was in the negative.

Special Article #8 fails.

Special Article #9 - Revaluation

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000.00) to be added to the Town Revaluation Capital Reserve Fund established in 2009 in

order to prepare for the next Town revaluation in 2016. Tax Impact: \$.03

Recommended by Board of Selectmen

Tally Vote – 4 yes/0 no/1 Abstain

Recommended by Budget Committee

Tally Vote – 5 yes/1 no

Special Article #9 was read, moved to the floor, and seconded. Moderator Scott called for discussion, but there was none.

The question was called; the voice vote was in the affirmative.

Special Article #9 carries.

Special Article #10 – Unanticipated Capital Reserve

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Three thousand dollars (\$3,000.00) to be added to the capital reserve fund known as the Town Unanticipated Maintenance Capital Reserve Fund established at the 2012 Town Meeting. Tax Impact: \$.006

Recommended by Board of Selectmen

Tally Vote – 5 yes/0 no

Not Recommended by Budget Committee

Tally Vote – 0 yes/6 no

Special Article #10 was read, moved to the floor, and seconded. Moderator Scott called for discussion.

Chairman Landau described this Fund as an insurance policy, just like the Winter Maintenance Fund. This Article will return the fund to \$9,997, close to its original amount of \$10k.

Budget Committee Member Lamphere stated that the Fund was used to cover insurance deductibles. There is currently \$6,800 in the Fund; the Town would need to experience six events requiring a deductible payment in order to drain it. The Budget Committee does not support his Article this year.

Discussion being ended, the question was called; the voice vote was inconclusive. A show of hands was requested; the hand vote was in the affirmative.

Special Article #10 carries.

Special Article #11 - PACT

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Sixty-five thousand dollars (\$65,000.00) for the purpose of providing public, education and governmental access television in the Town of Chester. Said funds to be withdrawn from the Special Revenue Fund established as the “PACT” Fund (Warrant Article #28, 2003), separate from the General Fund and is funded by Comcast subscribers in the Town of Chester. If passed, this article will have no tax impact. Tax Impact: \$.00

Recommended by Board of Selectmen

Tally Vote – 4 yes/0 no/1 Abstain

Recommended by Budget Committee

Tally Vote – 4 yes/1 no/2 Abstain

Special Article #11 was read, moved to the floor, and seconded. Moderator Scott called for discussion.

Selectman Castricone pointed out some of the changes made by the Cable TV station this year; for example, a camera in the center of town, the calendar up and running, and a new program entitled “Our Town”. Comcast subscribers put money into this fund, and it can only be used for studio equipment. The Cable TV Station is still using VCRs and cameras from the 1980s. This Warrant Article would fund a new calendar system, a new switch, a storage area for the VCR tapes in order that they can be accessed and played, and further advanced programming.

Discussion being ended, the question was called; the voice vote was in the affirmative.

Special Article #11 carries.

Special Article #12 – 300th Anniversary

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00) to be added to the capital reserve fund known as the 300th Anniversary Celebration Capital Reserve Fund established at the 2013 Town Meeting. Tax Impact: \$.01

Recommended by Board of Selectmen

Tally Vote – 5 yes/0 no

Recommended by Budget Committee

Tally Vote – 4 yes/1 no/1 Abstain

Special Article #12 was read, moved to the floor, and seconded. Moderator Scott called for discussion.

Jean Methot stated that he had worked with the Administrator of the Town of Raymond, who recently held their 250th Anniversary celebration, to write the original Warrant Article to begin planning for Chester's 300th. Raymond raised and appropriated \$50k for their Celebration, so that is the amount he is working towards.

Discussion being ended, the question was called; the voice vote was in the affirmative.

Special Article #12 carries.

Special Article #13 – Police Communications Equipment

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate Ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) for the purpose of purchasing communications equipment for the Police Department and to withdraw Ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) from the Police Detail Special Revenue Fund. Tax Impact: \$.00

Recommended by Board of Selectmen

Tally Vote – 5 yes/0 no

Recommended by Budget Committee

Tally Vote – 6 yes/0 no

Special Article #13 was read, moved to the floor, and seconded. Moderator Scott called for discussion, but there was none.

The question was called; the voice vote was in the affirmative.

Special Article #13 carries.

Special Article #14 – Edwards Mill Dam

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Eighty-eight thousand three hundred fifteen dollars (\$88,315.00) for the purpose of repairing the Edwards Mill Dam as directed by the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services and in accordance with the plans developed by Dubois & King Engineers approved by the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services. This will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, VI and will not lapse until the project is complete or by June 30, 2020, whichever is sooner. Tax Impact: \$.18

Recommended by Board of Selectmen

Tally Vote – 3 yes/2 no

Not Recommended by Budget Committee

Tally Vote – 0 yes/6 no

Special Article #14 was read, moved to the floor, and seconded. Moderator Scott called for discussion.

Charlotte Lister asked if this work was required by law, why was the Budget Committee opposed to it?

Chairman Landau replied that the work was required by DES, not law. Many years ago, Red Dolloff led a team to shore up the dam; DES believed that there was some movement of the wall. The Engineers' original estimate of \$50k was quite a few years ago. The approval process took DES three years to complete, and they made changes during that time. The Town told DES that the work would need to be completed in two Phases, and Chairman Landau promised DES that

he would bring the project in front of the Town for funding. It is unclear what the penalty may be should the Town vote against completing the project.

Last year, Phase I was completed; it keeps the water to a certain level, and causes the 'spare sluiceway' on private property to not be overused. As Edwards Mill is a fire pond, Fire Chief Antoine oversaw the project.

Budget Committee Chair Weider stated that the Budget Committee did not support this Article, quoting Warrant Article #13 from Town Meeting 2012 – at that time, it was stated that the amount requested would cover all of the necessary work. He added that the Budget Committee had not received sufficient backup on this Article.

Darrell Quinn stated that he was familiar with the original dam, and had a clarification to make: the 'spare sluiceway' is actually the only original spillway; this work created another spillway. He also added that the timber structure does not bear any weight at all, contrary to the State's report.

Discussion being ended, the question was called; the voice vote was in the negative.

Special Article #14 fails.

Article #15 – Recreation Director

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Thirty-five thousand dollars (\$35,000.00) to change the Recreation Director from a part-time to a full-time position with benefits. Tax Impact: \$.07

Recommended by Board of Selectmen

Tally Vote – 3 yes/1 no/1 Abstain

Not Recommended by Budget Committee

Tally Vote – 0 yes/6 no

Article #15 was read, moved to the floor, and seconded. A request was made, with the necessary five signatures, that a paper ballot be used. Moderator Scott called for discussion.

Selectman Castricone stated that the Town is growing, both in the number of children and in the number of ball fields. He asked Ed Karjala of the Recreation Commission to speak in support of this Article.

Mr. Karjala stated that of the three Recreation Directors he has worked with, Ms. DeLuca has done the most, and is doing a fantastic job. Firstly, she is doing more work than she was originally hired for; and secondly, should she move on, there is enough work to necessitate a full-time employee. Her job description specified that she would work with Recreation, Seniors, Budget Management, and keep office hours. Since her hire she has also handled Town Policies and the online payment system, manages the Recreation Summer Program, Wason Pond fields, facility calendars (Multi-Purpose Room, Stevens Hall, Wason Pond Community Center), webpage and social media, and maintenance requests. This cannot all be done in 30 hours; she responds around the clock.

Budget Committee Member Lamphere said that she understands that Ms. DeLuca does a great job, but that adding full-time employees also adds benefits. Ms. DeLuca only needs a single person's benefits; a subsequent recreation Director might need a more expensive family plan. The Budget Committee would prefer that she receive assistance during busy times of the year, such as the Summer Recreation Program and Town Fair.

Jane Grimm agreed with Mr. Karjala, stating that making the Recreation Director position full-time will encourage Ms. DeLuca to stay.

Discussion being ended, the question was called; Ballot Box #1 will be used.

Yes 47 / No 85

Article #15 fails.

At this point, the Board of Selectmen took control of the meeting in order to present this year's awards.

- The Full-Time Employee of the Year award was presented to Police Lieutenant Aaron Berube
- The Part-Time Employee of the Year award was presented to the Maintenance Department's George Noyes.
- One Volunteer of the Year award was presented to Recreation Commission Chair Beth Swanson.
- One Volunteer of the Year award was presented to Sharon Walsh for her gardening work at the Center of Town.
- Special Thanks were given to the following residents for their work keeping their roads clean:
 - Russell Burdick
 - Leroy Scott
 - Roger Marston
 - Richard Czarnec
 - Bob & Carol Valiant

At the conclusion of this section, Moderator Scott again took control of the Meeting.

Article #16 – Wason Pond Fence

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Six thousand dollars (\$6,000.00) for the purpose of installing a fence on Wason Pond field. Tax Impact: \$.01

Recommended by Board of Selectmen

Tally Vote – 3 yes/1 no/1 Abstain

Not Recommended by Budget Committee

Tally Vote – 0 yes/6 no

Article #16 was read, moved to the floor, and seconded. Moderator Scott called for discussion. Selectman Castricone and Mr. Karjala stated that the plan was for a 4' high, dark chain link fence along the new parking lot to the corner, and then to the woods, at the top of the field. It would be in approximately the same location as the existing temporary fence. It would keep balls from going into the parking lot, keeping both children and automobiles safe.

Jamie Towle stated that there are No Trespassing signs at town-owned properties, and that they should be removed. Mr. Karjala noted that the signs are at Wason Pond to keep people off of the new grass while it is growing, and that they will be removed this fall.

David Veale asked that the Town support this fence; it would be a one-time cost to protect a significant investment.

Discussion being ended, the question was called; the voice vote was in the affirmative.

Article #16 carries.

Moderator Scott received a request to reconsider Warrant Article #6. This request was moved to the floor and seconded. There was no discussion. The question was called; the voice vote was in the negative. **Article #6 will not be reconsidered.**

Article #17 – Conservation Survey

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000.00) to survey a portion of approximately 400 acres of conservation land. Ten thousand dollars (\$10,000.00) shall be raised from taxation and Ten thousand dollars (\$10,000.00) shall be withdrawn from the Town Forest Fund. Tax Impact: \$.02

Recommended by Board of Selectmen

Tally Vote – 3 yes/2 no

Not Recommended by Budget Committee *Tally Vote – 1 yes/5 no/1 Abstain*

Article #17 was read, moved to the floor, and seconded. Moderator Scott called for discussion. Chuck Myette stated that the work needed was more extensive than originally thought, and moved to table this Article; this motion was seconded.

Discussion being ended, the question was called; the voice vote was in the affirmative.

Article #17 will be tabled.

Article #18 – Animal Control Officer

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Three thousand dollars (\$3,000.00) to hire a part-time animal control officer. Tax Impact: \$.006

Recommended by Board of Selectmen

Tally Vote – 5 yes/0 no

Not Recommended by Budget Committee *Tally Vote – 1 yes/5 no*

Article #18 was read, moved to the floor, and seconded. Moderator Scott called for discussion. It was reported that Police Chief Bill Burke has stated that he believes he can handle the Animal Control duties in his Budget. It was moved that this Article be tabled; the motion was seconded.

Discussion being ended, the question was called; the voice vote was in the affirmative.

Article #18 will be tabled.

Due to the difficulty in determining whether the majority of voice votes are in the affirmative or negative, a show of hands will be used for the remaining Warrant Articles.

Special Article #19 – Police Vehicle

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Forty-two thousand dollars (\$42,000.00) for the purpose of purchasing a Police Vehicle and further to authorize the withdrawal of Forty-two thousand dollars (\$42,000.00) from the existing Equipment and Vehicles Capital Reserve Fund created for that purpose. Tax Impact: \$.00

Not Recommended by Board of Selectmen *Tally Vote – 2 yes/3 no*

Not Recommended by Budget Committee *Tally Vote – 1 yes/5 no*

Special Article #19 was read, moved to the floor, and seconded. Moderator Scott called for discussion.

Selectman Cannon stated that a new approach to funding police vehicle was started last year. Although the Department has been short staffed, coverage has been handled through overtime. The plan is to retire a vehicle with 140k miles on the odometer.

Budget Committee Chair Weider stated that neither the Board of Selectmen nor the Budget Committee supported this article, and that in fact it should be in the CIP. If the cruiser is bought via this Warrant Article, impact fees will not be used in the purchase.

Chairman Landau stated that he had originally not supported this Article due to the fact that the Department was short staffed; however, there are two new Officers in the Academy and the

funds to purchase the cruiser are in the Equipment and Vehicles Capital Reserve Fund. The purchase does not need to happen immediately, as the two new Officers should be on duty in October or November. It was noted that every hour that the cruiser's engine runs while standing still equals about 35-40 miles on the odometer; therefore, there are actually closer to 250k miles on that cruiser.

Discussion being ended, the question was called; the hand vote was in the affirmative.

Special Article #19 carries.

Article #20 – Fire Fighter

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Seventy-six thousand, five hundred sixty-seven dollars (\$76,567.00) to hire a full-time Fire Fighter/EMT for the Fire Department. Thirty-seven thousand dollars (\$37,000.00) is for wages and Thirty-nine thousand five hundred sixty-seven dollars (\$39,567.00) is for benefits. Tax Impact: \$.15

Board of Selectmen

Tally Vote – 2 yes/2 no/1 Abstain

Not Recommended by Budget Committee Tally Vote – 0 yes/6 no

Article #20 was read, moved to the floor, and seconded. A request was made, with the necessary five signatures, that a paper ballot be used. Moderator Scott called for discussion.

Fire Department Captain Kevin Wunderly, one of the two full-time Fire Fighters on the Chester Fire Department, spoke in support of this Article. He spoke of the shortage of volunteer fire fighters, especially on weekday mornings when many of the 26 volunteers are in school or at work. An additional Fire Fighter would help provide the best level of service to the Town at a cost of 15¢ per thousand, or \$3.75/month on a \$350k home.

Vice-Chairman Hagan noted that in order to staff the Fire Department 80 hours a week, 2.75 fulltime Fire Fighters are needed; the Town only has two. He agreed with Captain Wunderly that volunteers are harder to come by on weekday mornings; he has spoken with other Towns that have the same problem.

Budget Committee Chair Weider stated that 95% of the country's Fire Departments are volunteers. He added that the Town has mutual aid with other communities, including Derry for Ambulance support, and that the largest number of calls are for EMS. The Town is never unprotected, and hiring too many full time Fire Fighters might cause Derry to cancel its contract with the Town.

Selectman Cannon asked about the level of coverage when Captain Wunderly and Fire Chief Antoine are both unavailable. The issue is that the people providing coverage may not have all of the necessary qualifications; perhaps no-one has a CDL, no-one is able to drive the ambulance, etc. "One person is not a crew" – it is difficult to work by oneself.

Chairman Landau stated that the Town needs to know that it would be taking on an obligation that will last a long time. He has spoken with the Derry Fire Department senior staff and the Town Administrator; Derry is facing a financial crunch, and may be doing away with 16 Fire Fighters and one Ambulance. They can cancel their contract with the Town with one year's notice.

Fire Chief Antoine stated that the contract with Derry is for ambulance service only, and that one needs to wait for twenty minutes for the Ambulance to arrive to transport one to the hospital; they are not First Responders. Budget Committee Chair Weider responded that Chester has Mutual Aid and that we help out of Town more than in town. Derry is accredited, Chester is not; Derry is the best value for the Town.

Mr. Costine stated that he had been on the Fire Department for 35 years, up until 6.5 years ago. He stated that Derry depends on Chester, and that the Chester Fire Department goes to Derry 5-10 times for each time Derry goes to Chester. He stated that Derry cannot afford to terminate its relationship with Chester. He added that Chester is no longer a 'volunteer' department, instead describing it as a 'call' department. He stated that 8-10 years ago, the Chester Fire Department became unattractive to older members. Two older members were dismissed, three others left. Now the Department consists of younger members who come and go; fewer are certified, as they are newer. He suggested that the Board of Selectmen help the Fire Department turn around.

Vice-Chairman Hagan stated that better planning and training would be supported by a third full time Fire Fighter, and described the Chester Fire Department as a 'continuing story of excellence'.

Leroy Scott asked where the volunteers had gone, and why?

Mrs. Kistler noted that it was impossible to predict emergencies, and asked why it was so difficult to support keeping ones friends and family safe.

Discussion being ended, the question was called; Ballot Box #1 will be used.

Yes 45 / No 62

Article #20 fails.

Special Article #21 – Capital Improvement Plan Update (CIP Update)

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Four thousand five hundred dollars (\$4,500.00) to be used by the Planning Board for a comprehensive update to the Town of Chester Capital Improvements Program (CIP) per RSA 674:5. This will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, VI and will not lapse until the CIP is complete or by June 30, 2020, whichever is sooner. Tax Impact: \$.01

Recommended by Board of Selectmen

Tally Vote – 5 yes/0 no

Recommended by Budget Committee

Tally Vote – 6 yes/0 no

Special Article #21 was read, moved to the floor, and seconded. Moderator Scott called for discussion.

Selectman LeBlanc stated that the Recreation and Highway Departments were currently included in the CIP; the plan was to get the Police and Fire Departments included as well.

Chairman Landau spoke in support of this Article, stating that as people move into Town, they are helping to pay for the existing infrastructure via their home purchase price. He would like to see the CIP update finalized in the upcoming Fiscal Year in order that all possible Departments can be included.

Budget Committee Chair Weider stated that the School budget is the biggest cost to the Town, and that new homes can contribute as much as \$10k to it. The only other department that can join the CIP is the Planning Board.

Mr. Costine asked the Board of Selectman why, if the CIP was so important, were the Articles to fund it at the end of the Warrant?

Discussion being ended, the question was called; the hand vote was in the affirmative.

Special Article #21 carries.

Article #22 – Trustees of the Trust Funds

To see if the Town will vote pursuant to RSA 35:9-a, II to authorize the Trustees of the Trust Funds to charge any expenses incurred under RSA 35:9-a, I for capital reserve fund investment

management services against the income from the capital reserve funds involved. No vote by the Town to rescind such authority shall occur within five (5) years of the original adoption of the article.

Not Recommended by Board of Selectmen Tally Vote – 1 yes/4 no

Recommended by Budget Committee Tally Vote – 5 yes/0 no/1 Abstain

Article #22 was read, moved to the floor, and seconded. Moderator Scott called for discussion. Mr. Costine stated that this change had been recommended by the Town's Financial Advisor. This method of fee charging used to be legal only for Trust Funds; the law has since been changed to include Capital Reserve Funds as well. The invoice will still go through the General Fund.

Discussion being ended, the question was called; the hand vote was in the affirmative.

Article #22 carries.

Special Article #23 – Town's Capital Improvement Plan Capital Reserve Fund

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Three hundred eighty thousand dollars (\$380,000) to be added to the capital reserve fund known as the Town's Capital Improvement Plan Capital Reserve Fund established at the 2013 Town Meeting and to authorize the transfer of Two hundred thousand dollars (\$200,000) from the June 30, 2015 fund balance for this purpose with the remainder of One hundred eighty thousand dollars (\$180,000) to be raised through taxation. Tax Impact: \$.37

Recommended by Board of Selectmen

Tally Vote – 5 yes/0 no

Recommended by Budget Committee

Tally Vote – 6 yes/0 no

Special Article #23 was read, moved to the floor, and seconded. Moderator Scott called for discussion.

Andrew Hadik urged the Town to support this Article, describing it as a new way to support the Town's needs. He pointed out that funding through bonds adds 17-21% to the cost of work because of fees and interest. Once the CIP is up and running, it can take in money from impact fees and save \$1M in interest payments. It is the most cost effective way to fund work.

There was some discussion about amending the Warrant Article to add the words "up to" between "the sum of" and "Two hundred thousand dollars" in order to be sure that sufficient funds remain in the Unexpended Fund Balance (no less than 8%, up to 17%; currently the Town has 12%). However, this would not be acceptable to DRA and the subject was dropped.

It was clarified that the \$200k from the Unexpended Fund Balance is from the total surplus, not that of FY14-15.

Some questions were asked on the CIP process.

- Are funds earmarked for specific items, or could they be used for anything on the list?
- Who makes the drawdown decision?
- Is there a time limit to spend these funds?

The answers, respectively:

- Funds will be spent on items on the list on a priority basis.
- The Town votes to draw down the funds via Warrant Article.
- The time limit is 7 years.

Budget Committee Chair Weider added that the Departments submit their lists, and the Planning Board approves them. For example, Road Agent Oleson drew up a list of road that needed work, and submitted it to the Planning Board. He added, however, that the Budget

Committee would prefer to see the Highway Block grant funds rolled into the CIP and used for Highway work only. Chairman Landau demurred, stating that due to legal constraints, the Highway Block Grant funds had to be split out from the regular CIP because they were specifically for highway work.

Road Agent Oleson spoke in favor of the CIP. He did not submit a Warrant Article for road funding this year, as those in charge want all funding to go through the CIP. He warned that to fix the roads will take millions of dollars. Budget Committee Chair Weider added that the plan is to draw down from the CIP every year for road work; this will not impact taxes.

Budget Committee Member Lamphere stated that it was not the intent of the CIP to build up a huge sum and then let it sit.

Discussion being ended, the question was called; the hand vote was in the affirmative.

Special Article #23 carries.

Special Article #24 – CIP Highway Capital Reserve Fund

To see if the Town will vote to establish a capital reserve fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 for the purpose of funding road improvements as recommended in the Town's Capital Improvement Plan under RSA 674:5 and to raise and appropriate the sum of One hundred twenty thousand dollars (\$120,000) to be placed in the fund. Said sum to come from the State of New Hampshire Highway Block Grant and no amount to be raised by taxation. Furthermore to appoint the Selectmen as agents to expend this fund. Tax Impact: \$.00

Recommended by Board of Selectmen

Tally Vote – 5 yes/0 no

Recommended by Budget Committee

Tally Vote – 7 yes/0 no

Special Article #24 was read, moved to the floor, and seconded. Moderator Scott called for discussion, but there was none.

The question was called; the hand vote was in the affirmative.

Special Article #24 carries.

Special Article # 25 - Bathhouse

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twelve thousand dollars (\$12,000.00) to repair, improve, and renovate the Wason Pond Bathhouse. This sum is to come from the June 30, 2015 fund balance available for transfer on July 1, 2015 and no amount to be raised from taxation. This will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, VI and will not lapse until the project is completed or by June 30, 2020, whichever is sooner. Tax Impact: \$.00

Not Recommended by Board of Selectmen

Tally Vote – 2 yes/3 no

Not Recommended by Budget Committee

Tally Vote – 0 yes/6 no

Special Article #25 was read, moved to the floor, and seconded. Moderator Scott called for discussion.

It was moved that this Article be tabled; the motion was seconded.

The question was called; the hand vote was in the affirmative.

Special Article #25 will be tabled.

Article # 26

To hear the reports of Agents, Auditors, and Committees of Officers heretofore chosen and pass any vote relating thereto.

Article #26 was read, moved to the floor, and seconded. Moderator Scott called for discussion. Chairman Landau stated that the New Hampshire Electric Co-op has notified the

Town that as of July 22nd, they will be spraying herbicides on vegetative growth in certain areas of Town. These herbicides may be carcinogenic. Landowners should notify NHEC of areas that need protection, such as hayfields, water, etc. The Town has contacted the Attorney handling the utilities lawsuit, who responded that although they can oppose the spraying, it is unlikely that they can stop it.

There was no vote needed on Article #26.

Article #27

To transact any other business that may legally come before the Town.

There was nothing to be transacted.

There was no vote needed on Article #27.

As there was no further business, it was moved to adjourn the meeting, this motion was seconded. The question was called; the voice vote was in the affirmative. The 2015 Chester Town Meeting was adjourned at 1:31pm.

Barbara L. Gagnon, Town Clerk

Minutes taken by Debra H. Doda

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Sat 10-2; (July-Aug. closed Sat.)	
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Town of Chester Observed Holidays – 2016-2017

Monday, May 30, 2016	Memorial Day
Monday, July 4, 2016	Independence Day
Monday, September 5, 2016	Labor Day
Monday, October 10, 2016	Columbus Day (observed)
Friday, November 11, 2016	Veteran's Day
Thursday, November 24, 2016	Thanksgiving Day
Friday, November 25, 2016	Day after Thanksgiving
Monday, December 26, 2016	Christmas Day (holiday)
Monday, January 2, 2017	New Year's Day (holiday)
Monday, January 16, 2017	Martin Luther King, Jr./Civ. Rights Day
Monday, February 20, 2017	President's Day

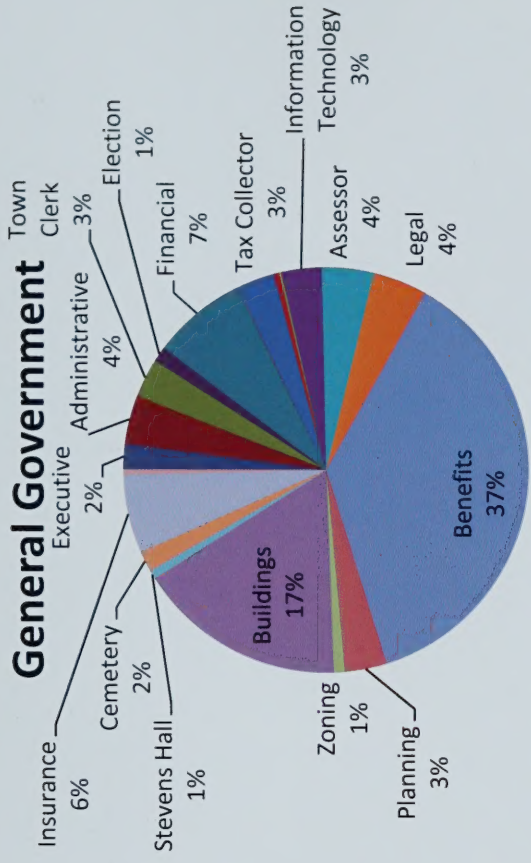
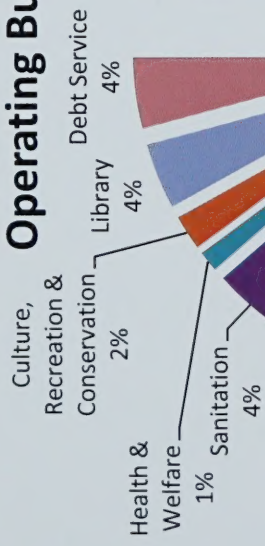
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